

CANADA-ALBERTA AGREEMENT FOR INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING 2011-2014

Public Reporting on Outcomes 2012-2013

Background

In 2011, the governments of Canada and Alberta signed a three year agreement under the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Framework 2011-2014. The IAH provides \$20.19 million in annual funding from 2011-2014 for a total of \$60.57 in federal investment over three years. Under the terms of the IAH Agreement, Alberta will match the annual federal funding to improve access to affordable housing in at least one of the four spending categories:

1. Increase the supply of affordable housing;
2. Improve housing affordability for vulnerable Canadians;
3. Improve and/or preserve the quality of affordable housing; or
4. Foster safe independent living.

In 2011-2012, a total of \$120.19 million, including \$20.19 million in federal funding, was provided through the Capital Initiative Program to support the development of 1,212 affordable housing units. Of which, 408 units are cost-shared under the IAH Agreement.

2012-2013 Outcomes

As the Government of Alberta achieved and exceeded its five-year goal to create over 11,000 new affordable housing units by 2012, the Ministry developed a long-term real estate strategy for the regeneration of existing social housing stock and senior lodges. For 2012-2013, capital investments were redirected to provincially-owned housing with a focus on the redevelopment of existing senior lodge accommodation.

All of the 2012-2013 federal allocation and provincial matching funds under IAH were targeted to meeting the housing needs of low-income seniors in Alberta's rural communities. A total of \$40 million in federal and provincial funding was provided to support the renewal of the following lodges.

Location	Project	Current Units	Units				Total F/P Funding
			Unchanged	Regenerate	New	Total	
Boyle	Wildrose Villa	42	2	20	32	54	\$ 8,780,000
Camrose	Rosealta Lodge	65	65	0	40	105	\$ 9,600,000
Canmore	Bow River Lodge	61	18	23	30	71	\$ 8,460,000
Drayton Valley	Shangri-La Lodge	82	77	0	5	82	\$ 1,200,000
Forestburg / Sedgewick	Big Knife Lodge	20	20	0	30	50	\$ 7,200,000
Milk River	Prairie Rose Lodge	29	13	8	18	39	\$ 4,760,000
Total		299	195	51	155	401	\$ 40,000,000

As a result, 51 units will be regenerated and 155 new lodge units will be added to these provincially-owned lodge facilities to improve access to affordable and safe supportive housing for low-income seniors. These renovated and newly constructed lodge units will extend independent living for seniors in the rural communities.

In addition, in 2012-2013, the Ministry approved funding to Wings of Providence in the amount of \$778,000 in support of the 30-unit Our Home Next Door project to house women and children fleeing domestic violence. Funding for this initiative includes contributions by the Province of Alberta (\$588,000) and the federal government through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (\$190,000) under IAH.

Cumulative Results

The overall outcome to be achieved through the IAH Agreement will be to reduce the number of households in need by improving access to Affordable Housing that is sound, suitable and sustainable for households in need.

Combined federal and provincial investments under the IAH Agreement in 2011-2013 provided support to the development of 593 additional affordable housing units and regeneration of 51 units. As a result, over 612 households will no longer be in housing need and more than 32 victims of family violence will be able to leave their violent situations. The following are accomplishments from the first two years of the IAH Agreement. The table shows the breakdown of approved units by target groups.

Year	Target Groups				
	Families & Individuals	Seniors	Persons with Special Needs	Victims of Family Violence	Total Units
2011-2012	238	128	40	2	408
2012-2013		206		30	236
2011-2013	238	334	40	32	644