
SUBJECT

BUDGET 2022

ISSUE

What is Budget 2022 proposing to support housing?

KEY FACTS

Budget 2022 announced:

- **\$4 billion** over five years, starting in 2022-23, to launch a new **Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)** creating 100,000 net new housing units.
- **\$1.5 billion** over two years, starting in 2022-23, to extend the **Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI)**. This new funding is expected to create at least 6,000 new affordable housing units, with at least 25 per cent of funding going towards women-focused housing projects.
- Reform of the **Rental Construction Financing Initiative (RCFi)** by strengthening its affordability and energy efficiency requirements.
 - RCFi will target a goal of having at least 40 per cent of the units it supports provide rent equal to or lower than 80 per cent of the average market rent in their local community.
- Advancement of **\$2.9 billion** in funding, on a cash basis, under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund, so that all remaining funds will be spent by 2025-26.
 - This will accelerate the creation of up to 4,300 new units and the repair of up to 17,800 units
- Reallocation of **\$500 million** of funding on a cash basis from the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** to launch a new **Co-operative Housing Development Program** aimed at expanding co-op housing in Canada.
- Reallocation of **\$1 billion in loans** from the **Rental Construction Financing initiative** to support co-op housing projects.
- **\$200 million** in dedicated support under the existing **Affordable Housing Innovation Fund** to help develop and scale up rent-to-own projects across Canada. This will include **\$100 million** to support non-profits, co-ops, developers, and rent-to-own companies building new rent-to-own units.
- Extension of the **First-Time Home Buyer Incentive** to March 31, 2025.
- **\$26 million** to support homeowners in Quebec whose homes require remediation from damages to foundations caused by the mineral pyrrhotite.
- **\$475 million** in 2022-23 to deliver a one-time \$500 payment to those facing housing affordability challenges.
- **\$5 million** over two years, starting in 2022-23 to develop and implement a **Home Buyers' Bill of Rights** and bring forward a national plan to end blind bidding.
- **\$300 million** over five years, starting in 2022-23, to co-develop and launch an **Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy**.
- Additional \$458.5 million to the **Canada Greener Homes Loan program** to provide low-interest loans and grants to low-income housing providers.

RESPONSE

- **Mr. Speaker, Canadians are challenged to access safe and affordable housing. This is why Budget 2022 takes significant steps that will build more homes and make housing more affordable across the country.**
- **Budget 2022 includes measures to expand Canada's housing supply and increase investments in affordable housing. We will double our housing construction over the next decade and invest in the rental housing that so many count on.**
- **Our government is proposing \$4 billion to launch a new Housing Accelerator Fund that will help create 100,000 new housing units by accelerating the planning and delivery of housing.**
- **The Rapid Housing Initiative has been a tremendous success so far and has exceeded its original goals. Building on this accomplishment, we are proposing to extend this initiative by \$1.5 billion to create at least 6,000 new affordable housing units.**
- **Budget 2022 proposes to advance \$2.9 billion in funding, under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund, accelerating the creation of up to 4,300 new units and the repair of up to 17,800 units for the Canadians who need them most.**

BACKGROUND

Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA)

“CHBA has called for collaboration across all levels of government to address housing affordability, and especially housing supply, and for Federal government leadership to help make that happen. With measures in this budget, this leadership is being established. We are seeing resistance from some municipalities to unlock more housing supply, so hopefully this Housing Accelerator Fund, combined with leveraging other funding mechanisms, will help overcome some of those barriers.”

- **Kevin Lee, CEO of CHBA**

https://www.chba.ca/CHBA/News/CHBA_Welcomes_Federal_Budget_and_its_Support_for_Housing_Supply_Next_Up_To_Municipalities.aspx

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF)

“Today’s federal budget is a turning point, as it acknowledges the unique value of co-operative housing and commits to its expansion,” states CHF Canada’s Executive Director, Tim Ross. “Starting with 6,000 new homes over the next five years, we are optimistic the new Co-operative Housing Development Program will kick-start the development of the next generation of co-op housing at a scale that will help solve the housing crisis. Co-op housing is affordable, secure and enables the development of strong, inclusive communities, all of which we need more than ever.”

<https://chfcanada.coop/budget2022/>

Federation of Canadians Municipalities

“Today’s budget recognizes municipalities as an essential partner in solving our greatest national challenges, including housing affordability as a top priority. It makes bold investments to tackle the housing crisis for a truly inclusive recovery, including important steps to end chronic homelessness. The Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) has transformative potential to help municipalities get housing built faster through direct and flexible investments in municipalities, who best understand local supply needs.

- **Joanne Vanderheyden, President of FCM,**

<https://fcm.ca/en/news-media/news-release/fcm-statement-the-2022-federal-budget>

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