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**SUBJECT****NORTHERN HOUSING**

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**ISSUE**

How will the National Housing Strategy support the housing needs of Northern communities?

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**RESPONSE**

- **Reducing housing challenges in the North requires a continued partnership with our northern partners to better understand their unique needs.**
- **Since 2016, we have committed more than \$965 million to address housing needs across the 3 territories. These investments have helped more than 15,000 households benefit from a place to call home in the North.**
- **Under the National Housing Strategy, we signed bilateral agreements with each of the territories, which represent over \$440 million over 10 years, to help address their housing needs.**
- **This investment is going towards protecting and maintaining community housing and support housing repairs, construction, and affordability.**
- **Since 2016, our government has committed more than 415 million in funding for housing in Nunavut.**
- **For example, under the second round of the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI), the City of Iqaluit received \$5 million to support the creation of 18 new units.**
- **Additionally, the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC) received \$44.9 million under RHI to support the creation of 101 new units across the territory.**
- **Mr. Speaker, to respond to the higher costs and housing need in the North, a bilateral agreement of \$333 million over 10 years with the Government of Nunavut provides targeted funding to protect, renew and expand social and community housing, as well as repair and build affordable homes across the territory.**

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## KEY FACTS

### National Housing Strategy:

- **NHS Bilateral Agreements**
  - **\$60 million** with cost-matched by Yukon
  - **\$140 million** with cost matched by Northwest Territories
  - **\$339.2 million** with cost-matched by Nunavut
- **\$300 million** starting 2018-19 to 2027-28 (not cost-matched)
  - **\$24 million** to Yukon
  - **\$36 million** to the Northwest Territories
  - **\$240 million** to Nunavut
- **An additional \$100 million** Northern carve-out of contribution funding within the National Housing Co-Investment Fund (NHCF) is available to off-set high construction costs and building challenges
  - **\$40 million** will be provided to Yukon
  - **\$60 million** to the Northwest Territories
- **\$2B for a Canada Housing Benefit** (totaling \$4B with expected PT cost-matching). The Canada Housing Benefit will deliver up to \$2,500 per year to each recipient household and support at least 300,000 households across the country.
- **\$2.5B** for the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) to quickly create permanent affordable housing for Canadians in severe housing need.
  - **\$1B** for the first phase of the RHI. As at June 30, 2021, the territories received funding in the amount of \$22 million. This will create more than 80 units.
  - The second round of the RHI, launched on June 30, 2021, provides an additional **\$1.5B** for the second phase of RHI. This funding will add a minimum of 4,500 new affordable units to Canada's housing supply. At least 25 per cent of this funding will go towards women-focused housing projects.

### Budget 2016

- **\$504.5 million** doubling of the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) over two years. Of this:
  - **\$3.3 million** to Yukon
  - **\$3.8 million** to the Northwest Territories
  - **\$3.1 million** to Nunavut
- **\$177.7 million** over two years in additional IAH funding specifically for northern housing:
  - **\$8 million** to Yukon
  - **\$12 million** to the Northwest Territories
  - **\$76.7 million** to Nunavut
- **\$80 million** in one-time funding through Inuit governments/organizations (Delivered by ICS):
  - **\$50 million** for the Inuit region of Nunavik in Quebec
  - **\$15 million** for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in Northwest Territories
  - **\$15 million** for the Inuit region of Nunatsiavut in Newfoundland and Labrador
- **Additional funding** for renovations/retrofits to shelters and housing for seniors.

## Funding until March 31, 2019

- **\$1.9 billion** from 2011-12 to 2018-19:
  - **\$12.6 million** to Yukon; helped 690 households as at March 31, 2019
  - **\$14.7 million** to the Northwest Territories; helped 845 households as at March 31, 2019
  - **\$11.7 million** to Nunavut; helped 159 households as at March 31, 2019

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