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**SUBJECT****VETERAN HOUSING**

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**ISSUE**

How is the National Housing Strategy help Veterans?

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**RESPONSE**

- **The goal of Canada’s first-ever National Housing Strategy (NHS) is to ensure Canadians across the country have a place to call home that they can afford and that meets their needs. Through this \$72+ billion, 10-year plan that is committed to making housing more affordable, suitable and accessible for all Canadians. The NHS prioritizes the housing needs of the populations made vulnerable, including veterans.**
- **For instance, the National Housing Co-Investment Fund under the NHS provides low-cost loans and contributions for new construction and renewal of affordable housing. This funding is also available to proponents intending to serve veterans, which are a priority population under the Strategy.**
- **For example Mr. Chair, a project under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund specifically supports homeless veterans in the city of Ottawa. Over \$6.5 million of funding is committed to support the construction of a 40-bed building to support homeless or at-risk veterans.**
- **To date, the Government of Canada has made several commitments under the National Housing Strategy to projects across the country that includes over 90 dedicated units to serve veterans.**