
SUBJECT

FEDERAL LANDS INITIATIVE

ISSUE

How is the Federal Lands Initiative supporting the National Housing Strategy Priorities?

RESPONSE

- **Mr. Chair, we launched the Federal Lands Initiative in 2018 under the National Housing Strategy. The Initiative provides \$200 million over 10 years to make surplus federal lands and buildings available at low to no cost to eligible participants for the development of affordable, sustainable, accessible and socially inclusive housing.**
- **The Initiative also supports the achievement of various NHS priorities, including affordability, energy efficiency, social inclusion, accessibility, and supporting vulnerable populations.**
- **While the COVID-19 pandemic caused delays, the program remains on track to achieve its initial 2027-2028 targets of 4 000 units.**
- **As a matter of fact, as of March 31, 2023, 20 commitments had been signed for a total of \$118.0 million representing a commitment of 3,916 units.**
- **I am happy to state that we are on track to deliver on our goals for this initiative, and I am hopeful that we will achieve even better results as we have and are incorporating efficiency enhancements as requested in my mandate letter.**
- **This includes a quicker and easier application process, improved application turnaround times and regular touch points with applicants at key application milestones. These will ensure that the federal government is deploying its inventory of available lands even more effectively.**