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Re: Repurposing Canada Housing Benefit (CHB) Funding for Survivors of Gender-based violence (SGVB)

Further to the Government of Canada's direction authorizing CMHC to repurpose CHB-SGBV funding allocated to Northwest Territories towards the Northern Housing Initiative, I am pleased to provide this agreement that enables the Housing Northwest Territories (Housing NWT) to proceed with this repurposing (the "2026 Repurpose Agreement").

CMHC and Housing NWT agree that this 2026 Repurpose Agreement enables Housing NWT to receive new CMHC Funding in the maximum amount of $3,986,349.73 to support survivors of gender-based violence through the Northern Housing Initiative for the Fiscal Years 2026/27 and 2027/28. This funding, which is in addition to the CMHC Funding provided in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of Schedule B, will have a separate target identified in the Action Plan above and beyond the existing HB target and will support survivors of gender-based violence within the terms and conditions of the Northern Housing Initiative. The use of these funds can support the achievement of existing targets where SGBV households will be assisted.

The following terms apply only to this 2026 Repurpose Agreement:

1. This 2026 Repurpose Agreement shall be deemed to form part of the CMHC – Northwest Territories Bilateral Agreement Under The 2017 National Housing Strategy Bilateral Agreement ("Bilateral Agreement").

2. All provisions of the Amended and Consolidated Schedule B of the Bilateral Agreement apply to this 2026 Repurpose Agreement, except as amended herein.

3. Housing NWT shall ensure that funding under this 2026 Repurpose Agreement supports survivors of gender-based violence, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Northern Housing Initiative. To this end, and to aid in reporting and transparency, Housing NWT will identify within its claims where a commitment of Northern Funding will support survivors of gender-based violence.

4. CMHC and Housing NWT agree to revise the current subsection 3.1 and 3.2 of the CMHC - Northwest Territories Bilateral Agreement Under The 2017 National Housing Strategy – Amended and Consolidated Schedule B: Housing Northwest Territories (”Housing NWT”)-Delivered Initiatives (CMHC-Funded), by the following to reflect the revised CMHC Funding for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, incorporating the repurposed funding:

   3.1 The amount of CMHC Funding for Northern Housing Initiative for Fiscal year 2026-2027 in subsection 3.1 is hereby deleted and replaced with $5,592,521.07[1], and for 2027-28 is hereby deleted and replaced with $5,593,828.66[2].

   3.2 CMHC Funding during the period from Fiscal Years 2019-2020 to 2027-2028 in subsection 3.2 is hereby deleted and replaced with $88,099,149.73.

5. Pursuant to subsection 4.2 of the of the CMHC - Northwest Territories Bilateral Agreement Under The 2017 National Housing Strategy – Amended and Consolidated Schedule B: Housing Northwest Territories (“Housing NWT”)-Delivered Initiatives (CMHC-Funded), Housing NWT is not required to cost-match CMHC Funding under this 2026 Repurpose Agreement.

6. Within 3 months of the signing of this 2026 Repurpose Agreement, Housing NWT shall amend the Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 to 2027-28. Parties will work together to reflect the reallocation of funding, potential impacts and to include mutually agreed-to Targets and Outcomes.

7. To track how the repurposed funding is reaching its targeted vulnerable population, Housing NWT will report annually on the claiming of no less than $1,992,521.07 in 2026/27 and $1,993,828.66 in 2027/28 under this Repurpose Agreement in support of survivors of gender-based violence, as well as report on the number of SGBV households supported in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Bilateral Agreement – Schedule C. Housing NWT will use the existing reporting templates and will specifically identify this funding envelope. SGBV-related projects will be distinctly identified in the claims. Where an existing CHB SGBV program is maintained, the existing reporting requirements will continue to apply.

8. If, in any Fiscal Year, Housing NWT does not claim and expend at least the minimum amount specified above in support of survivors of gender-based violence, Housing NWT shall return to CMHC the difference between the minimum amount and the amount claimed and expended, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CMHC and Housing NWT Any such unclaimed or unexpended amount shall not be carried forward to satisfy the minimum requirement in a subsequent Fiscal Year.

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[1] This amount represents $3,600,000 of Northern initiative allocation for fiscal year 2026/27 as well as $1,992,521.07 in repurposed CHB SGBV allocation for fiscal year 2026/27.

[2] This amount represents $3,600,000 of Northern initiative allocation for fiscal year 2027/28 as well as $1,993,828.66 in repurposed CHB SGBV allocation for fiscal year 2027/28.

Please confirm your agreement by signing this 2026 Repurpose Agreement in duplicate and return one original agreement to me.

Sincerely,

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We concur:
Michael Saturnino, Associate Deputy Minister, Housing Sustainability and Partnerships, Housing NWT

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