

2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement

Byron Rafuse
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March 1st, 2024

Dear Byron,

Re: Federal Funding – Housing Benefit targeted to survivors of Gender-based violence

I am pleased to provide this agreement to enable the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to access new funding for the enhancement of Initiative 3 - Housing Benefit (described in Schedule B.1 of the Bilateral Agreement under the 2017 National Housing Strategy) (the “**2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement**”).

CMHC and the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing agree that this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement enables the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to receive new CMHC Funding in the maximum amount of \$11,342,691.24 for the targeted group of survivors of Gender-based violence. This amount, which is in addition to the CMHC Funding provided by sections 6.1 and 6.2 of Schedule B.1, will have a separate target above and beyond the existing HB target and will be specific to survivors of Gender-based violence (the “**Survivors of Gender-based violence HB**”).

The following terms apply only to this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement:

1. All provisions of Schedule B.1 apply to this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement, except where there are specific clauses in this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement relating to the Survivors of Gender-based violence HB.
2. This 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement shall be deemed to form part of the Bilateral Agreement.
3. Except as stated otherwise in this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement, all references in Schedule B.1 to HB shall be deemed to include references to Survivors of Gender-based violence HB.
4. The Parties will work together to ensure that:
 - (a) the Survivors of Gender-based violence HB targets survivors of Gender-based violence and;

(b) the program through which it is delivered is consistent with the Bilateral Agreement and all subsequent addendums and additions, including this 2023 CHB Enhancement.

5. Before the earliest of 3 months of the signing of this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement or January 31, 2025, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing shall amend the Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-24 to 2024-25 to include mutually agreed-to Survivors of Gender-based violence HB, including Targets and Outcomes. These mutually agreed-to Survivors of Gender-based violence HB shall be outlined separately from the existing HB in the Action Plan.
6. In addition to the maximum CMHC funding outlined in paragraph 6.1 of Schedule B.1, maximum CMHC Funding for the Survivors of Gender-based violence HB by Fiscal Year is set out below for the initial period beginning on April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025:

Fiscal Year	CMHC Funding
2023-2024	\$1,722,551.82
2024-2025	\$1,938,003.63

7. CMHC Funding for the Survivors of Gender-based violence HB during the period from Fiscal Years 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 is the maximum amount of \$11,342,691.24 and will be allocated to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with the relevant Action Plan Periods set out in Schedule C, subject to subparagraph 5.2 of the Agreement and appropriations by Parliament. The notional amount of annual CMHC Funding for the following years are set out below:

Fiscal Year	CMHC Funding
2025-2026	\$2,463,495.87
2026-2027	\$2,594,868.92
2027-2028	\$2,623,771.00

CMHC Funding cannot be reallocated among Fiscal Years without prior CMHC approval. Subject to government authorization, CMHC is agreeable to reallocate the CMHC Funding for Fiscal Year 2023-24 by evenly distributing it over Fiscal Years 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28. In addition, CMHC Funding cannot be reallocated among Initiatives.

8. Commitments of CMHC Funding under this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement may be made from and after April 1, 2023, to no later than March 31, 2025.
9. The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing will have the ability to cost-match CMHC Funding for the Survivors of Gender-based violence HB within the existing HB. For greater clarity, all the requirements for cost-matching set out in section 7 of Schedule B.1 apply to this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement.
10. The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing shall report on the Survivors of Gender-based violence HB separately from the existing HB target in the Progress Report using tables 1,2 and 3 of Schedule B.1.

Please confirm your agreement by signing this 2023 CHB Enhancement Agreement in duplicate and return one original agreement to me.

Yours truly,

Per: _____

Neil Levecque
Acting Senior Vice President, Housing Programs
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

We concur:

Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Per: _____

Byron Rafuse
Deputy Minister
Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing