



Innovation and Research

Solutions Labs

Do you have a housing problem that you have not been able to solve using traditional approaches? Solution Labs provides housing stakeholders with funding and expert innovation lab consultants to help solve complex housing problems using innovation methods and tools.

\$3,000,000

Annually 2020–2027

FUNDING

It is anticipated that funding for successful projects will range from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

INVESTING IN INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Diverse stakeholders—including those with lived experience—will work together alongside expert innovation consultants. They will examine and reframe current housing issues, use innovative problem-solving processes and co-develop potential solutions to be prototyped and tested. This inclusive process will foster a “ground up” approach to understanding and addressing key issues to persistent affordable housing problems.

The labs will lead to the development of solutions to housing problems under the NHS priority areas and facing NHS priority populations such as the homeless, seniors, survivors of gender based violence, people with disabilities, racialized groups, refugees, veterans, and members of the LGBTQ2+ community. Potential Solutions may include emerging technologies, best practices, innovative policies or programs that tackle the issues facing these populations.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Funding is available to eligible Canadian individuals, corporations and organizations that want to address housing related issues identified under the strategy's priority areas. Eligible applicants include:



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Annual competition opens in September 2021, with an application deadline of November 2021

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Strategic

Labs must focus on resolving affordable housing problems within the NHS priority areas or facing priority populations.

Collaborative

Labs must gather a wide range of stakeholders including those with lived experiences to find solutions that are practical, replicable, implementable, and deliverable within a realistic timeframe.

Innovative

Labs must include an expert consultant in innovation methods and tools as part of the project team. For more information please see the website at cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/nhs/solution-labs

To apply:
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