

Required Documentation Checklist

New Construction Stream

The following checklist outlines the minimum documentation required at each stage of the process. Inability to provide the outlined documents within specified timelines will result in withdrawal of the application.

The Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) process has 3 stages. The documentation listed below represents the minimum documents for processing the application at a particular stage. Submitting the documents well in advance is advisable to facilitate a timely processing.

If you have questions regarding the documentation requirements, please contact your Client Solutions Specialist¹ for support.

Application

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Proponent(s) Details

Integrity Declaration

All proponents must provide a newly signed CMHC Integrity Declaration², even if one has been provided previously for another CMHC application.

Corporate Documents

Proponents and guarantors must provide all the documents listed below, as applicable:

- Articles of incorporation including all supporting documentation, such as, but not limited to – a business name registration, articles of organization, constitutional documents, etc.

- Letters, Patent, Bylaws, and any applicable operating and shareholders' agreements.
- Detailed information about the entity's ownership structure, including any related entities.
- Organizational chart.
- The name and relationship of all registered and beneficial owners of the property (not applicable if the property is in Quebec).

Considerations for On-Reserve Applicants:

- Chief and council should be included in the organization chart.

¹ <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/about-us/contact-us>

² <https://assets.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/sites/cmhc/professional/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/integrity-declaration-en.pdf>

Financial Statements

- Audited financial statements for the most recent three years for the proponent(s) and for each guarantor(s) if applicable. Review Engagement or alternative options may be accepted at CMHC's sole discretion.
- For new entities, alternative options may be considered at CMHC's sole discretion.

Development Experience

- The applicant, and/or their contracted builder or developer must provide resume(s) demonstrating their experience in construction, including: a list of completed and current projects of similar size and scope as the subject building, property address, type of property, number of levels, number of units, overall project budget, year completed.
- List of all new construction and renovation projects currently underway, regardless of whether financed and/or insured by CMHC.

Property Management Experience

- The applicant must provide resume(s) outlining the experience of the entity and individuals managing the property, including the property address, type of property, tenant profile, number of levels, number of units and number of years of management experience.
- If the management of the property will be contracted out, the proponent must provide resume(s) of the contracted property manager outlining their related experience in managing properties of similar size.

NOTE: The applicant and/or Corporation that will be the property manager must have at least five (5) years of demonstrated management experience in operations and management of similar type and size property, as the proposed project.

Project Details

Land Ownership

If the land is a recent or upcoming purchase/lease:

- Copy of Purchase and Sale Agreement, an abstract of Title, a copy of property tax assessment or any other document that confirms the ownership of the subject property and its Legal Description (PIN or PID).
- Copy of all lease agreements, if applicable. For example, operating leases, land leases, subleases, headleases, etc.
- Copy of Land Donation, if applicable.

If the land is already owned:

- The property identification number and recent property tax statement, if available

Considerations for On-Reserve Applicants:

- Project location identifier may be GPS Data, the civic address, or general site location.
- The "Land Status Report" issued by Indigenous Services Canada meets the requirements.
- Applicant must confirm the type of security being proposed. For example, Ministerial Loan Guarantee, Pledge of Land, Leasehold Interest, Business Revenue and Personal Property, or Letter of Credit. See CMHC's [Alternative Types of Security](#)³ webpage for further details.

Approved Zoning

- Documentation from municipality outlining that the zoning aligns with the project.

Considerations for On-Reserve Applicants:

- The "Land Status Report" from Indigenous Service Canada meets the zoning requirement.

Attestation for Energy Efficiency⁴

Signed by a recognized professional to confirm Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas emissions reduction.

Attestation for Accessibility Target⁵

Signed by a recognized professional to confirm Accessibility.

³ <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/indigenous/alternative-types-of-security>

⁴ <https://assets.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/sites/cmhc/professional/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/affordable-housing-fund/affordable-housing-fund-energy-efficiency-attestation-en.pdf>

⁵ <https://assets.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/sites/cmhc/professional/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/affordable-housing-fund/affordable-housing-fund-project-accessibility-target-attestation-en.pdf>

Environmental Site Assessment

- Phase 1 Environmental site assessment report
- Phase 2 Environmental site assessment report, if applicable.
- Record of Site Condition application, if applicable
- Risk assessment, if applicable
- Confirmation of site remediation, if applicable

NOTE: At the underwriting stage, the report must authorize the lender and its assignees to rely on the report for financing purposes.

Geotechnical Report

Signed by a recognized professional demonstrating that the proposed construction and site improvements of the lands are feasible under existing soil conditions.

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Project Description Form

Projects on federal lands (including on-reserve) must comply with the *Impact Assessment Act*. Please provide a project description form to ensure compliance with the Act by completing either:

- [Fillable](#)⁶ (download the file then open it)
- [Print only](#)⁷

Project Financials

AHF Project Assessment Workbook⁸

Cost Estimates

Class B Professional Quantity Surveyor report or Cost Consultant certified report, which includes forecasted hard, soft, contingency, and land costs, issued within the last 12 months.

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Funding Sources

A list of all co-funders, and all the documents listed below, as applicable:

- Capital Funding: Letter or other documentation supporting all sources of financing, including grants, in-kind, forgivable loans, and waiver of development charges & fees (if applicable).
- Operational Funding: letter or other documentation for all sources of operational funding support (e.g. rent supplement, operating subsidy, property tax waiver, etc.);
- For operational funding arrangement not available for full term of the target affordability period, provide a working plan on how the project will remain viable.

Draft funding documents will be acceptable at this stage as it is understood that some funding can be contingent on CMHC's support.

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Other Draft Agreement

All the documents listed below, as applicable/available:

- Funding Agreements
- Beneficial Owner Agreement
- Partnership/Shareholder Agreement
- Lease Agreement
- Condo bylaws
- Share Facility Agreements
- Management/Operating Agreement

⁶ https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-ISC-SAC/DAM-FNDNG/STAGING/texte-text/83-183_fillsave_1650917488349_eng.pdf

⁷ https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-ISC-SAC/DAM-FNDNG/STAGING/texte-text/83-183-print_1650917538805_eng.pdf

⁸ <https://assets.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/sites/cmhc/professional/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-fundingprograms/affordable-housing-fund/affordable-housing-fund-project-assessment-workbook-new-construction-en.xlsx>

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Proponent(s) Details

Finalized Organizational Chart with authorized signatures (if applicable)

Officer Certificate or Band Council Resolution

A certificate, agreement or Band Council Resolution noting the designated signing authority.

Project Details⁹

On-Site Tenant Support Agreements (if applicable)

In case of third-party service provider. Letter and/or agreement confirming the types of support that will be provided on site for tenants that represent priority groups.

Executed Agreements

All drafted agreements have been executed for the project as determined by CMHC Legal Counsel, such as Housing Agreement, Operating Agreements, Co-funder Agreements, etc.

Finalized Drawdown Schedule

Confirmation of the finalized timeline outlining payment dates including 3rd party funding, any client equity injection, and when CMHC forgivable or repayable funding is provided.

Municipal Approvals

- Confirmation of zoning (if applicable).
- Copy of building permits.

Registrations/Security Agreements

For example, guarantees.

Borrower Certificate to the Forgivable Loan Advance

Included in the CMHC Loan Agreement.

Project Status Certificate

Included in the CMHC Loan Agreement.

Project Consultant's Certificate

Included in the CMHC Loan Agreement.

Statutory Declaration

CCDC Form 9A-2011 or equivalent.

Occupancy Permit (if applicable)

Certificate of Substantial Completion (if applicable)

Advance Notice

Included in the CMHC Loan Agreement.

Project Financials

Quantity Surveyor (QS) Report

Minimum of Class A estimate report or cost consultant certified report, and must include:

- Provide confirmation to CMHC of the project budget (hard costs, soft costs, etc.), project cash flow, and project funding sources.
- Include evidence of a fixed price contract or construction management arrangement wherein fixed price contracts are entered into for no less than two-thirds (⅔) of the hard construction cost and identification of all material contracts (contract that is 5% or more of the hard construction cost).
- Include a labour and material, and a performance bond for which CMHC is listed as a dual obligee (minimum of 50% of labour and material and 50% of performance) (if applicable).
- Include development and compliance documentation such as zoning, permits, agreements, legal survey, etc.
- Include details of all insurance policies in place during construction as per CMHC's insurance requirement.

⁹ Advancing requirements may vary based on the type of funding being provided.

Labour, Materials, and Performance Bond

Evidence that Labour, Material, and Performance Bond is in place. Each must be in an amount of not less than 50% of the contract price and CMHC should be listed as a dual obligee.

Side Letters pertaining to funding agreements (tripartite/direct agreements) (if applicable)

Insurance Consultant Report

An Independent Insurance Consultant's report prepared by a professional holding a Certificate in Risk Management (CRM) designation and/or Construction Risk and Insurance Specialist (CRIS) designation. The report must:

- Meet the requirements set in the Insurance consultant's scope of work.
- Include details of all insurance policies in place during repairs as per CMHC's insurance requirement; and
- Include certificate(s) of insurance.

NOTE: For small scale projects, the insurance consultant report is not required. That said, a copy of the certificate of insurance will be required and must provide details of all insurance policies in place during repairs as per CMHC's insurance requirement.

Banking Information

Proof that a separate and distinct bank account has been opened exclusively for the project.

NOTES:

For the avoidance of doubt, Professional reports are to be prepared:

- By independent, arms-length professionals holding a current, industry recognized designation in their field and be in good standing with their governing body, unless prior approved by CMHC;
- Not more than 12 months (18 months for Environmental Site Assessment Report) old from the date of the AHF application;
- Prepared for CMHC or accompanied by reliance/transmittal letter from the author acknowledging that CMHC will be relying on the report for funding purposes;
- Copy of professional liability (Errors and Omissions) insurance of dollar value as required by CMHC and with no conditions.

CMHC, at its sole discretion and on a case-by-case basis, reserves the right to request additional documentation not included in this list.