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75 Affordable Housing Proposals in Ontario Get Early Stage Funding

Housing Minister Announces Seed Funding Recipients

LONDON, Ontario, March 15, 2005 — A total of 75 community-based organizations and developers in Ontario will receive up to \$20,000 each to develop affordable housing project proposals under Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) Seed Funding initiative.

The Honourable Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing, made the announcement today, saying the selected applicants in Ontario are among 204 housing proponents selected from across Canada. The selection was made following a call for applications issued in November 2004, which resulted in 428 proposals being submitted from across Canada.

"With the Seed Funding initiative, the federal government is helping local organizations to develop housing solutions that meet the needs of their community," said Minister Fontana. "The large response received from community groups and leaders across Canada, demonstrates how Canadians want to be involved in their housing solutions."

Seed Funding offers financial assistance to groups and individuals for predevelopment work on proposed housing projects that will be affordable, innovative, community-based, or any combination of these characteristics. Priority was given to proposals that addressed affordable housing needs in their community. CMHC financial assistance is in the form of a grant of up to \$10,000 and an interest-free loan of up to \$10,000.

Seed Funding recipients will use the money to pay for a variety of preliminary activities, including studies to evaluate need and demand for the proposed project, development of a business plan and preliminary design work.

Once the initial viability of the proposed housing project has been established, proponents may be eligible for other supports to turn their housing proposals into homes. These can include CMHC's interest-free proposal development loans, mortgage loan insurance to facilitate financing, and/or Federal-Provincial or Federal-Territorial Affordable Housing funds.

Where a training need is identified, CMHC's capacity development initiative assists Seed Funding recipients to acquire the information and skills they need to organize themselves and obtain a general understanding of the housing development process and property management requirements.

In evaluating the applications for Seed Funding, CMHC looked at the clarity of the proponent's objectives, compatibility with program criteria, ability of applicants to carry out the proposed activities, the need for Seed Funding, and evidence of community support.

"For recipients, Seed Funding is a critical investment of financial support needed to build the capacity of community groups to find local solutions to housing challenges, to help each group to make their affordable housing idea a reality,"

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added Minister Fontana.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is Canada's national housing agency. For over 55 years, CMHC has been contributing to improving the living conditions and the well-being of Canadians through four areas of housing activities - housing finance, assisted housing, research and information transfer, and export promotion. CMHC is committed to helping Canadians access a wide choice of quality, affordable homes, and making vibrant and sustainable communities a reality across the country.

The list of Seed Funding recipients for Ontario is below.

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2005 Ontario Seed Funding Recipients

Ajax	Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation
Ajax	Tall Treed Investment Corporation
Almonte	Mills Community Support Corporation
Angus	Angus Legion Gardens Senior Citizens Complex
Barrie	Maplewood Place Apartment Limited
Brampton	Habitat for Humanity
Brantford	DM Developments Inc.
Brantford	Multani Custom Homes Ltd.
Brockville	Marguerita Residence Corp.
Burlington	Affordable Housing Halton
Caledon	Abbeyfield Houses Society of Caledon
Cambridge	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 272
Cambridge	The Grand House Student Cooperative
Cornwall	Lafontaine Lodge Ltd. (Parisien Manor)
Etobicoke	Lakeshore Area Multi-Service Project (LAMP) Inc.
Fraserville	The Land Tenants Association of Evergreen Acres Residential Park

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Guelph	The Social Justice Committee - Dublin Street United Church
Guelph	Central Student Association (CSA) and Guelph Campus Co-op
Halton	Regenesis
Hamilton	The Astra Society of Hamilton and District
Hamilton	Family Services Hamilton
Hamilton	Coalition of Citizens Concerned About Long Term Care (Freedom House)
Hamilton	Good Sheppard Centre Hamilton
Keswick	Keswick United Church
Kincardine	Women's House of Bruce County
Kingston	Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation
Kitchener	Green Valley Tower Co-Tenancy
Kitchener	M & S Solomon Family Holdings Ltd.
Kitchener	Heartwood Place
London	Eastern Passage Properties Inc.
London	Old East Village Business Improvement Area (BIA)
London	Peter Stavrou - 1510504 Ontario Limited
London	Larry Holmes & Michael Holmes
London	Mokhtar Abou Basha & Dean Elkholy
London	London Innercity Faith Team (LIFT)
London	Street Connection
London	Robert Solomon and Larry Holmes
London	Italian Seniors Project
Ottawa	Centretown Affordable Housing Development Corporation
Ottawa	Nepean Housing Corporation
Ottawa	Ottawa Salus Corporation
Ottawa	Sandy Hill Housing Co-op (SHHC)
Ottawa	Developmental Services Network of Agencies of Ottawa
Ottawa	Personal Choice Independent Living
Markham	Pathways For Children And Youth, And Families of York Region, Inc.
Monetville	Monetville Community Seniors Housing Association
North Bay	Core Homeless Association
Opasatika	Équipe de Développement Économique Régionale d'Opasatika
Parry Sound	Affordable Housing Now for Parry Sound
Penetanguishene	North Simcoe Emergency/Transitional Residential Projects
Peterborough	Youth Emergency Shelter of Peterborough

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Scarborough	Scarborough Support Services for the Elderly Inc.
Seeley's Bay	Seeleys Bay/Lyndhurst & Area Seniors Non-Profit Residence Corporation
Stratford	Performing Arts Lodge Stratford Inc.
Thunder Bay	Northern Linkage Community Housing & Support Services
Toronto	San Lorenzo Church
Toronto	Fred Victor Centre
Toronto	LCBTQ People of Colour & Friends Cohousing Initiative
Toronto	Gladstone Tire Distributors Limited
Toronto	Nishnawbe Homes Inc.
Toronto	Danforth Baptist Church
Toronto	Dixon Hall
Toronto	CANES Home Support Services
Toronto	The Toronto Commons Group (TCG)
Toronto	Fania Klaczkowski
Toronto	Dufferin Street Baptist Church
Toronto	Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence)
Toronto	PACE Independent Living
Toronto	Malta Heritage Centre Inc.
Toronto	Marsh Homes
Toronto	St. Clare's Multifaith Housing Society
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Toronto	West Toronto Support Services for Senior Citizens and the Disabled
Unionville	MICAH - Markham Interchurch Committee for Affordable Housing
Windsor	Delrose Developments