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### **\$31 Million Approved for Affordable Housing Projects in Alberta**

**EDMONTON, Alberta June 16, 2006** — Low-to-moderate income Albertans in 23 communities will have access to 580 new affordable housing units thanks to a \$31 million federal-provincial investment. The funding has been provided through phase one of the Canada – Alberta Affordable Housing Program and its Sustainable Remote Housing Initiative.

The announcement was made by the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and the Honourable Yvonne Fritz, Alberta Minister for Seniors and Community Supports.

"Canada's new government is committed to providing quality affordable housing for those Canadians who need it most," said Minister Finley. "Housing is an important part of peoples' lives and is central to our commitment to build vibrant, healthy communities. We look forward to working closely with our partners in Alberta to continue to address these needs in the province and across the country."

"We are working with communities and our partners throughout Alberta to ensure that low-income Albertans have access to housing that is affordable and safe," said Minister Fritz. "Alberta is and will continue to be a leader throughout Canada in developing and building affordable homes under this program."

A total of \$17.8 million of the new funding will be invested in 437 new affordable housing units in Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Cache, and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Slave Lake.

The remaining \$13.5 million will be targeted to meet the housing needs of Alberta's remote northern communities. A total of 143 new affordable housing units will be developed in the communities of Anzac, Cadotte Lake, Calling Lake, Chipewyan Lake, Conklin, Faust, Fort Chipewyan, Fort McKay, Fort Vermilion, Grouard, Janvier, Kinuso, Marlboro, Peerless Lake, Sandy Lake, Smith, Trout Lake, and Wabasca.

Funding for the projects is part of the \$134 million in federal and provincial funding allocated under phase one of the Canada – Alberta Affordable Housing Program Agreement. Federal and provincial contributions to affordable housing projects are enhanced by contributions from other partners including municipalities, local management bodies, non-profit organizations and the private sector.

The Canada – Alberta Affordable Housing Program assists in creating sustainable rental housing for low-to-moderate income Albertans, through the construction of new or renovated affordable housing units.

To date more 2,886 affordable housing units have been approved for development in 37 communities throughout the province. These communities include Anzac, Banff, Brooks, Cadotte Lake, Calgary, Calling Lake, Camrose, Canmore, Chipewyan Lake, Cochrane, Conklin, Edmonton, Faust, Fort Chipewyan, Fort McKay, Fort Vermilion, Grande Cache, Grande Prairie, Grouard, Kinuso, Hythe, Janvier, Leduc, Lethbridge, Marlboro, Medicine Hat, Peerless Lake, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Sandy Lake, Slave Lake, Stony Plain, Smith, Trout Lake Villeneuve, Wabasca, and Whitecourt.

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For more information on the Canada – Alberta Affordable Housing Program, visit the Alberta Seniors and Community Supports web site at [www.seniors.gov.ab.ca](http://www.seniors.gov.ab.ca).

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### Backgrounder

Project Name / Location:	<b>95 Street Infill Housing, Edmonton</b>
Applicant:	Capital Region Housing Corporation
Project Address:	95 Street and 104 Avenue Block
Target Clients:	Low to moderate-income families and low-income singles
Number of Units:	29 units
Total Project Cost:	\$2,870,000
CAAHP Grant:	\$725,000 (Federal) \$725,000 (Provincial)

Project Name / Location:	<b>Tuoi Hac Manor, Edmonton</b>
Applicant:	Edmonton Buddhist Research Institute
Project Address:	127 Street and 148 Avenue
Target Clients:	Seniors
Number of Units:	50 units (130 units overall — 50 will be affordable)
Total Project Cost:	\$20,428,685 \$750,000 (Federal) \$750,000 (Provincial)

Project Name / Location:	<b>Bow Valley Supportive Apartments, Calgary</b>
Applicant:	Metropolitan Calgary Foundation
Project Address:	McDougall Road and 11 Street NE
Target Clients:	Seniors
Number of Units:	150 units

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Total Project Cost:	\$20,088,157
CAAHP Grant:	\$3,750,000 (Federal) \$3,750,000 (Provincial)

Project Name / Location:	<b>Park Place Manor</b>
Applicant:	Kanas Shelter Corporation
Project Address:	3824 Parkhill Place S.W.
Target Clients:	Low-income families and singles
Number of Units:	9 units
Total Project Cost:	\$1,393,906
CAAHP Grant:	\$225,000 (Federal) \$225,000 (Provincial)

Project Name / Location:	<b>Whispering Pines Supportive Housing/Lodge, Grande Cache</b>
Applicant:	Evergreens Foundation
Project Address:	Shand Avenue
Target Clients:	Seniors
Number of Units:	30 units
Total Project Cost:	\$3,735,000
CAAHP Grant:	\$750,000 (Federal) \$750,000 (Provincial)

Project Name / Location: Valley View:	<b>Prospect Pointe, Fort McMurray</b>
Applicant:	Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation
Project Address:	Plamondon Drive
Target Clients:	Families
Number of Units:	87 units
Total Project Cost:	\$13,855,000
CAAHP Grant:	\$1,075,000 (Federal) \$1,075,000 (Provincial)

Project Name / Location:	<b>Slave Lake Affordable Housing, Slave Lake</b>
Applicant:	Title Development Corporation
Project Address:	Main street and 11th Avenue, Slave lake
Target Clients:	Low income families, seniors and individuals

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Number of Units:	82 units
Total Project Cost:	\$9,148,386
CAAHP Grant:	\$3,075,000 (Federal) \$3,075,000 (Provincial)

\*Funding to Slave Lake Affordable Housing includes both affordable and rural remote sustainable accommodations.

**Sustainable Remote Housing Initiative**

Project Name / Location:	<b>Heart River Housing — Faust — Grouard, and Kinuso</b>
Applicant:	Heart River Housing
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income families. May also accommodate seniors with dependent children and special needs applicants.
Number of Units:	16 manufactured homes.
Total Project Cost:	\$1,448,000
CAAHP Grant:	\$600,000 (Federal) \$600,000 (Provincial)

Project Name / Location:	<b>Fort Vermilion</b>
Applicant:	MacKenzie Housing Management Board
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income families
Number of Units:	7 manufactured homes
Total Project Cost:	\$511,824
CAAHP Grant:	\$253,633 (Federal) \$253,633 (Provincial)

Location:	<b>Cadotte Lake</b>
Applicant:	North Peace Housing Foundation
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income families, with dependents, living in shared accommodations (overcrowding or substandard housing) with limited access to safe, affordable and suitable housing.
Number of Units:	8 manufactured homes
Total Project Cost:	\$657,520
CAAHP Grant:	\$300,000 (Federal) \$300,000 (Provincial)

Applicant:	<b>Wabasca/Desmarais Housing Authority Society (WDHAS), Calling Lake,</b>
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	<b>Chipewyan Lake, Peerless Lake, Sandy Lake, Trout Lake, and Wabasca</b>
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income families, with dependents, living in shared accommodations or homeless families.
Number of Units:	44 manufactured homes.
Total Project Cost:	\$3,982,000
CAAHP Grant:	\$1,650,000 (Federal) \$1,650,000 (Provincial)

Applicant:	<b>The Grande Cache Co-ops and Enterprises Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada</b>
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income working families with the demonstrated ability to pay mortgage or rent and have a need for housing.  Families who are living in inadequate housing conditions (overcrowding, health concerns, unsafe housing, living with others).
Number of Units:	16 manufactured homes
Total Project Cost:	\$1,224,000
CAAHP Grant:	\$600,000 (Federal) \$600,000 (Provincial)

Location:	<b>Marlboro</b>
Applicant:	Marlboro Community Housing Society
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income families, with dependents, living in shared accommodations (overcrowding or substandard housing) or families who are homeless.
Number of Units:	8 manufactured homes
Total Project Cost:	\$600,000
CAAHP Grant:	\$300,000 (Federal) \$300,000 (Provincial)

Location:	<b>Smith</b>
Applicant:	Smith Housing Association
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income families, with dependents, living in shared accommodations (overcrowding or substandard housing) or families who are homeless.

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Number of Units:	3 manufactured homes
Total Project Cost:	\$226,500
CAAHP Grant:	\$112,500 (Federal) \$112,500 (Provincial)

Location:	<b>Fort McKay</b>
Applicant:	Métis Nation of Alberta – Local 1935
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income working families with the demonstrated ability to pay mortgage and a need for housing.  Families who are living in inadequate or inappropriate housing conditions (overcrowding, health concerns, unsafe housing, living with others).
Number of Units:	5 manufactured homes
Total Project Cost:	\$381,775
CAAHP Grant:	\$187,500 (Federal) \$187,500 (Provincial)

Location:	<b>Anzac, Conklin, Fort Chipewyan and Janvier</b>
Applicant:	Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation
Target Clients:	Low-to moderate-income working families with the demonstrated ability to pay mortgage and a need for housing. Lower-income seniors.  Families and/or seniors who are living in inadequate or inappropriate housing conditions (overcrowding, health concerns, unsafe housing, living with others).
Number of Units:	36 units
Total Project Cost:	\$5,707,152
CAAHP Grant:	\$1,346,366 (Federal) \$1,346,366 (Provincial)