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Minister Solberg Announces Winners of CMHC Housing Research Grants

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 15, 2008 — The Honourable Monte Solberg, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), today awarded 18 Canadian researchers grants of up to \$25,000 each under CMHC's External Research Program.

"This government is supporting the work of independent housing researchers across Canada to help improve the quality of housing for all Canadians," said Minister Solberg. "These research projects will encourage housing developers in the private, non-profit and public sectors to build stronger communities, address the housing needs of Canadians and develop and improve sound building performance practices in Canada."

This year's grants, which total approximately \$440,000, encourage researchers working in universities, private consulting firms, housing-related professions and the housing industry to conduct research on housing issues. CMHC will publish the completed research reports.

To date, the External Research Program has provided more than 638 grants for research on a variety of topics, such as energy efficiency, sustainability, and housing conditions.

Under the program, researchers submit their proposed projects in the fall, and they are reviewed in February. A national committee of housing experts selects grant recipients on the basis of the quality of their proposals. The committee includes experienced researchers and practitioners in academic institutions and housing-related professions.

CMHC has been Canada's national housing agency for more than 60 years. CMHC is committed to helping Canadians access a wide choice of quality, affordable homes, while making vibrant, healthy communities and cities a reality across the country.

Results of a wide range of housing research sponsored by CMHC may be obtained by calling 1-800-668-2642.

A list of the recipients is attached. For further information, please contact:

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ERP Grant Recipients

Name/Nom	Title of Project/ Titre du projet
Anucha, Uzo Toronto, ON	The Role of Affordable Housing in the Well-Being of Children: An Exploratory Longitudinal Study
Barata, Paula Guelph, ON	Housing Difficulties and Housing Programs in the Lives of Abused Women
Bouchard, Marie Montréal, QC	Les défis de la gouvernance des organismes sans but lucratif en habitation
Dion, Betty Ottawa, ON	Compendium of Canadian Accessible Housing Codes and Standards
Gong, Meng Fredericton, NB	Racking performance of wood shear walls consisting of finger-jointed studs
Guitard, Paulette Ottawa, ON	Smart gra ars: a potential initiative to encourage bath gra ar use in community dwelling older adults
Karabanow, Jeff Halifax, NS	Building Community: The Story of Supportive Housing for Young Mothers (SHYM)
Keough, Noel Calgary, AB	Action Research on Transportation and Housing Affordability
Kim, Ann Toronto, ON	The mobility experiences of immigrants and the Canadian born and homeownership
Lippert, Randy Windsor, ON	An Exploratory Study of Condominium Governance in B.C.'s Lower Mainland
Lovegrove, Gordon Kelowna, BC	In Pursuit of Sustainable Neighbourhood Development Patterns: The Next Step — A road safety evaluation of road network patterns, including CMHC's Fused Grid Road Network Pattern
Özdilek, Ünsal Montréal, QC	Modèle d'estimation séparée des prix du terrain et du bâtiment
Tait, Michael Hamilton, ON	Seismic Isolation of Residential Wood Frame and Low- and Medium-Rise Masonry Buildings
Tampier, Martin Laval, QC	Feasibility Study and Business Plan for a Distributed Energy Financing Revolving Fund
	Economic Quantification of the "Soft" Benefits of Green Infrastructure

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Tomalty, Ray
Montréal, QC

Torok, George
Newmarket, ON

Woolrich, William
Toronto, ON

Zalok, Ehab
Ottawa, ON

Selection of Low-e Coated Glass for Older Residential High-Rise Apartment Buildings in Canada

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