

# Provincial Affordable Housing Strategy

## Progress Update 2018: Fact Sheet

### The Strategy

The Government of Alberta released the Provincial Affordable Housing Strategy on June 26, 2017. The Strategy goes beyond bricks and mortar to focus on people and their successes. In the first year, the government has collaborated with key partners to implement the actions under the Strategy and built a strong foundation for success.

### Investing now and for the future

#### Indigenous Housing Capital Program

In June 2018, Government of Alberta announced a \$120-million investment in off-reserve, off-settlement and on-settlement housing. The program will increase the supply of affordable rental housing units for Indigenous peoples in need.

#### Building affordable housing units

The Strategy complements the government's \$1.2 billion commitment toward affordable housing. Since this commitment was made in 2016, 27 projects have been completed resulting in more than 1,300 new or regenerated units available for Albertans in need. In addition, 38 projects are underway. The Government of Alberta is on track to meet its commitment to add 4,100 new and regenerated affordable housing units.



#### Fixing affordable housing units

In alignment with the Strategy, the Government of Alberta supported maintenance and repairs for more than 650 units throughout the province.

### Capital projects completed

#### 2016-17

Bar-V-Nook Manor (Phase I), Smoky Lake  
Bethany Seniors Citizens Home, Edmonton  
Big Knife Lodge, Forestburg  
Bonny Lodge (Phase 1), Bonnyville  
Dr. Turner Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan  
Gilchrist Gardens (Phase 1), Calgary  
Prairie Rose Lodge, Milk River  
Rosealta Lodge, Camrose  
Permanent Supportive Housing, Medicine Hat

#### 2017-18

Beaverhill Seniors Lodge, Lamont  
Bonny Lodge (Phase 2), Bonnyville  
Bow River Lodge (Phase 1), Canmore  
Canora Gardens Restoration, Edmonton  
Clairmont Senior Lodge, Clairmont  
Crest View Lodge, Pincher Creek  
Pioneer Lodge, Lloydminster  
Prairie Rose Place, Sedgewick  
Vermillion Valley Lodge, Vermillion  
Wild Rose Villa, Boyle  
Fourth Dimension Project (Inclusio), Calgary  
Permanent Supportive Housing (Balwin), Edmonton

#### 2018-19

Parkdale II Redevelopment, Edmonton  
Diamond Willow Lodge, Magrath  
Macleod Pioneer Lodge, Fort Macleod  
Northridge Addition, St. Albert  
Parkland Manor, Rimbey  
Short Term Housing for the Homeless, Calgary

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## Capital Planning Framework

The Government of Alberta developed a Capital Planning Framework, which guides the development of the ministry's capital plan and provides information on the capital planning process to Albertans and housing providers seeking capital funding.

## Joint capital planning

The ministries of Seniors and Housing, Health, and Community and Social Services worked together to increase the supply of housing for specialized populations with complex needs (e.g. individuals with disabilities or those experiencing homelessness). This resulted in five new housing projects for specialized populations, which will be paired with social services.

## Integrated housing and supports

### Tenant supports

The Government of Alberta, with support from partners, has taken steps to develop options for a tenant supports program including, cross-ministerial collaboration and engagement with industry partners to determine best practices.

## Successful transitions and aging in the community

### Development of a mixed-income model

The Government of Alberta worked with Capital Regional Housing Corporation to develop a mixed-income housing pilot project. Parkdale ONE supports tenants and families to stay in their home as their circumstances improve. Steps to evaluate the pilot project are underway.

"By combining market, affordable and social housing in one development, we are able to provide social housing in a sustainable way to help families live in a community without the need to move."

- Greg Dewling, CEO, Capital Region Housing

## Fair and flexible

### Regulatory amendments

Amendments to the *Alberta Housing Act* regulation came into effect on January 1, 2018. The changes prioritize Albertans with the greatest need and help ensure they are able to access the housing they require.

### Dispute resolution processes

The Government of Alberta is working with housing providers to develop a dispute resolution process for issues not covered under the *Residential Tenancy Act*. This could include issues around eligibility for subsidized housing or the calculation of rent based on a tenant's income.

### Model housing needs

To identify housing needs on a provincial scale, the government is leveraging data and technology to develop an initial digital model. It is currently being tested to help ensure resources and future planning align with changing demographics and future tenant needs.

## A sustainable system

### Improving energy efficiency

The Government of Alberta allocated \$25 million for the Affordable Housing Energy Savings Program, which includes 9 million in federal funding from the Low Carbon Economy leadership Fund. The Program will help make Alberta's affordable housing stock more environmentally and financially sustainable. Additionally, 100 per cent of new units comply with industry standards for environmentally friendly and energy-efficient design.



## Looking forward

Collaboration, investment and innovation will be key to ensuring the Strategy has a meaningful impact over the coming months and years. Albertans living in affordable housing will be supported to build better lives for themselves and the people they love.

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