



# Housing Nova Scotia

## National Housing Strategy Agreement

### Action Plan 2019-2022

#### APPROACH

We will invest \$88 million to improve the lives of nearly 3,000 Nova Scotians and advance shared outcomes under the National Housing Strategy.

This Action Plan reflects our long-range strategic focus to *preserve, expand, and transform* the province's affordable housing system over the next decade, while advancing provincial housing outcomes.

In the first three years, we will focus on *preserving and transforming* our existing social and public housing and *stabilizing* Nova Scotia's community housing sector.

These actions will create the conditions to transform Nova Scotia's housing system and implement multi-faceted solutions to a range of community housing challenges, along with a commitment to work across agencies, and in partnership, to achieve real results.

The plan has a balance of new programming to advance NHS objectives and provincial priorities, as well as continued programming.

#### NOVA SCOTIA'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our strategic priorities include:

- increasing access to affordable housing;
- preserving and sustaining existing social and community housing stock;
- maintaining and expanding strategic partnerships; and,
- ensuring we are well positioned to meet emerging challenges.

Advancing these priorities will strengthen programming over the next decade in key areas to serve the most vulnerable Nova Scotians and advance desired housing outcomes.

**\$88 MILLION**

in cost-shared initiatives

**3,000 HOUSEHOLDS**

served

**2,100 EXISTING SOCIAL HOUSING**

units preserved

**1,300 HOMEOWNERS**

benefit from repair and adaptation programs

**450 PUBLIC HOUSING**

units repaired

**300 COMMUNITY HOUSING**

units repaired or re-developed

**230 RENT SUPPLEMENTS**

created in private and community housing rental market

**200 EXPIRING RENT SUPPLEMENTS**

with continued funding

## WHO WILL BENEFIT?

This Action Plan demonstrates the Province's long-term commitment to serve the most vulnerable Nova Scotians and to build safe, connected communities. This action plan will assist many vulnerable groups including:

Seniors, women and children fleeing domestic violence, Indigenous populations, youth and persons with disabilities.

The plan involves strengthened programs across the housing spectrum; partnering with private and community housing sector providers to improve access to affordable housing; creating communities that maximize people's economic and social well-being; and ensuring housing is sustainable for generations to come. Investments will include:

- \$61.7 million for repair and renewal activities
- \$12.5 million for new construction
- \$9.5 million for affordability assistance

## EXPANSION PLAN

This funding will increase access to social housing through construction of new Urban Native housing units, creation of new rent supplements in both the community housing and private sector rental market, and construction of new units built through provincial contributions to third parties which will receive a rent supplement. In the first three years, this will result in the creation of over 360 new affordable, rent-assisted units.

## FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY HOUSING SECTOR

In the community housing sector, a mix of market rents and rent-assisted units and a planned investment of \$23 million will contribute towards the long-term sustainability of the affordable housing market across the province.

This will include investment in community housing infrastructure, opportunities for portfolio management and redevelopment, governance and operating structure reviews, asset management, processes and planning, and, identifying strategic partnerships.

This investment will also result in the repair of 71 Urban Native units in the first three years.

## 204 AFFORDABLE RENTAL

units through rehabilitation or new construction

## 100 PUBLIC HOUSING

units with improved accessibility

## 71 URBAN NATIVE

units repaired

## 65 NEW UNITS

through Transformation Fund

## 40 NEW UNITS

through Transformation/  
Co-Investment Fund