

BUILDING CAPACITY; BUILDING HOMES

SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES TO ACT IN THE HOUSING CRISIS









The Need

Housing directly affects the health of children and youth, including their ability to develop optimally and achieve life goals.

One-third of households in Canada live in substandard conditions or in housing need.



The Why

A lot of Canada's housing stock was purchased while interest rates were low and more people came seeking opportunities in Canada. Then higher interest rates slowed the economy, including home construction.

Today, the national housing crisis presents one of Canada's greatest social and economic challenges.

The Project

MNL has hired two Capacity Building Officers to work with municipalities for two years across Newfoundland and Labrador to respond to the ongoing housing and homelessness crisis.

These positions are working with municipal councils and staff to increase development of housing needs assessments, identify options for increasing housing stock, and build capacity for municipalities to apply for – and receive – ongoing and new federal and provincial funding to support housing at the municipal level.





The Team

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Funding Partners







- ACOA 75%
- Government of Newfoundland and Labrador – 25%

Budget

- Total Project Cost: \$616,743.32
 - Salaries/MERCs \$264,000
 - Project Admin (MNL) \$50,000
 - Travel \$174,624
 - Workshops \$22,000
 - Office Space \$48,000
 - Office Equipment \$12,800

Outcomes

- 20 municipalities and nonprofits in 2 regions to complete applications for funding for federal and provincial programs each year.
- 40 applications total

Next Steps



Hiring Process Completed, positions in place May 2

Project Team Fully Operational, Reporting Ongoing to Partners and MNL Board of Directors

- Immediate Outreach Underway and Work Ongoing With Primary Leads
- Workshops: Completed MNL Symposium and PMA Webinar
 - Next at MNL UMC Meeting is CBS in August, MNL Regional Meetings (NW -Cow Head and Lab - HV-GB) in September, and then MNL Conference and Trade Show in Gander in November.

Progress To-Date

Housing Options

- Multiplexes
- Duplexes
- Four as a Right
- Apartments
- Apartment Buildings
- Home Retrofits
- Seniors Cottages and Units
- Retrofit Former

Government
Properties –
Office/Schools/H
omes

- Transitional Housing
- Social Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Cooperative Housing



Key Partners

- Professional Municipal Administrators
- RAnLAB (Memorial University)
- College of the North Atlantic
- Department of Housing Children, Seniors and Social Development (Provincial)
- Department of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities (Federal)
- ACOA
- NL Housing Corporation
- Housing Co-ops and Non-Profits
- Choices for Youth



Our Current Focus



Housing Accelerator Fund

September 13



Cooperative Housing Development Program

September 15

Engaged Communities

Clarenville



Stephenville





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