

# Thanks for the helping hand!



## Helping Create Communities

The Edmonton Joint Planning Committee on Housing (Joint Planning Committee) identifies local housing priorities and develops effective community-based solutions to current housing-related challenges. In an on-going effort to build awareness of homelessness issues, the Joint Planning Committee researches and develops sound and reliable information to support better social and community decision-making.

The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund is a key funder of safe, affordable housing and support services for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.

Our two organizations work with the municipal, provincial and federal governments, the private and not-for-profit sectors to ensure there is safe, affordable and low-cost housing for Edmontonians. Neither organization owns or operates housing units, but we are connected to many community agencies that provide access to housing and support services. By working together, the Joint Planning Committee and Trust Fund are committed to providing leadership, delivering funding, supporting housing initiatives and making a difference in the Edmonton community.

### Thanks for the helping hand Edmonton!

Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry  
 Alberta Housing Coalition  
 Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing  
 Alberta Native Friendship Centre Association  
 Alberta Real Estate Foundation  
 Alberta Seniors and Community Supports  
 Aboriginal Women's Professional Association  
 Amisk Housing Association  
 Batoma Place  
 Bear Paw Media Productions  
 Ben Calf Robe Society  
 Bent Arrow Society  
 Bissell Centre  
 Boardwalk Rental Communities  
 Boyle Street Community Services Cooperative  
 Boyle Street Education Centre  
 Calder Bateman  
 Callingwood Garden Flowers  
 Cameron Development Corporation  
 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)  
 Canadian Home Builders' Association - Edmonton Region  
 Canadian Mental Health Association  
 Canadian Native Friendship Centre  
 Capital Health  
 Capital Region Housing Corporation  
 Catholic Social Services  
 Central Edmonton Community Land Trust  
 City of Edmonton  
 Concept Homes  
 Creating Hope Society  
 Daytona Homes  
 Dreamspeakers Festival Society  
 E4C  
 Edmonton Aboriginal Committee on Housing  
 Edmonton Adult Aboriginal Justice Committee  
 Edmonton Centre for Equal Justice  
 Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness Society  
 Edmonton Community Foundation  
 Edmonton Financial Literacy Society  
 Edmonton Inner City Housing Society  
 Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action Society  
 Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers  
 Edmonton Native Basketball Association  
 Edmonton People in Need Shelter Society  
 Edmonton Police Services  
 Edmonton Real Estate Board  
 E.L. Frazier & Associates Realty Corp.  
 EmployAbilities  
 Excel Society  
 Families First  
 Family Centre of Northern Alberta Association  
 George Spady Centre  
 Gordon Russell's Crystal Kids Youth Centre  
 Government of Canada - Human Resources and Social Development  
 Greater Edmonton Foundation Housing for Seniors  
 Habitat for Humanity Edmonton  
 Hope Mission

iHuman Youth Society  
 Imperial Equities  
 Indigenous Elders Cultural Resource Circle  
 Innovative Housing Society  
 Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women  
 Jasper Place Health & Wellness Centre  
 Joe Filewych  
 John Howard Society - Edmonton  
 Landmark Homes  
 L'Arche Association of Edmonton  
 La Salle Women's Housing Society of Alberta  
 M.C. Hennig Research and Consulting Inc.  
 Mahkoos Society  
 McDougall House Association  
 Metis Nation of Alberta Association  
 Mikhael Management Corp.  
 National Home Warranty  
 Native Counselling Services of Alberta  
 Native Seniors Centre  
 Nechi/Poundmaker's Lodge  
 Night Wind Centre  
 NiGiNan Housing Ventures Ltd.  
 Northern Alberta Alliance in Race Religion  
 Northern Lights Folk Club of Edmonton  
 Old Strathcona Youth Co-op  
 Our House (Edmonton Ltd.)  
 Oxford House Foundation of Canada  
 Parker Dubrule  
 Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton  
 Raising the Roof  
 RBC Royal Bank  
 Real Commitment Shows  
 Reid Built Homes  
 Rockliff Pierzhajlo Architects & Planners Ltd.  
 Safe Harbour Homes Ltd.  
 Salvation Army  
 Schizophrenia Society of Alberta, Edmonton & Area Chapter  
 Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton  
 Stan Daniels Centre  
 Strathcona Baptist Church  
 Sun & Moon Visionaries  
 Terra Association  
 The Communis Group Ltd.  
 The Village at Athlone  
 The Works International Visual Arts Society  
 Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta  
 Trinity Development  
 Two Spirit Circle of Edmonton Society  
 U of A - Native Studies  
 Umisk Affordable Housing Society  
 Urban Manor Housing Society  
 Vintera Properties Inc.  
 W.I.N.G.S. of Providence Society  
 Wasah'gam  
 Western Economic Diversification Canada  
 West Edmonton Interfaith Coalition on Poverty  
 Winnifred Stewart Association  
 Women Building Futures  
 Wyser Properties  
 Yellowhead Tribal College  
 YMCA  
 Youth Emergency Shelter Society

## Our Key Initiatives

### Housing the Homeless

Since 1999, the Trust Fund has directly administered over \$54 million which has created more than 1,450 units of low-cost, affordable housing and shelter space. This investment has resulted in over \$145 million of construction activity to support homelessness prevention initiatives in Edmonton. These include emergency, transitional and long-term supportive housing projects. These facilities now house thousands of Edmontonians who otherwise might not have a home.



To ensure accountability, the Trust Fund continues to annually monitor the completed projects it has funded.

**“You look around at other low-income housing projects and nothing compares to this project. It’s helping us out financially, allowing us to get back on our feet.”**

Michael, Umisk Manor

### Community Collaboration

We work with knowledgeable and experienced community members who participate in our five standing committees.

We develop the Edmonton Community Plan, which identifies the housing-related needs and priorities of Edmontonians. The plan is utilized by the government and the community to meet the housing and support service priorities.

**“My kids know what a home is. We don’t have to worry about what’s going on around us. Living in the city can be scary.”**

Amanda, Edmonton Inner City Housing Society – Project 15

### Research

Once every two years we conduct a homeless count in Edmonton to raise awareness about homelessness and housing issues.

We conduct research to assess the needs of homeless in Edmonton. The research fund assists the community in addressing the housing challenges and support service needs.

### Raising Awareness

Every winter we raise money locally to combat and prevent homelessness in Edmonton by selling toques during the Raising the Roof Toque Campaign.

Every year we host an awards luncheon to recognize the achievements of those working to address affordable housing challenges in Edmonton.

Every winter we work with local media to highlight living conditions of Edmonton’s homeless population, including the working poor.



**“I appreciate everything everybody has done for me. I get so much of what I need right here at Hope Terrace.”**

Danielle, Hope Terrace

### Supporting the Aboriginal Community

We have distributed over \$3.9 million in funding from the federal government’s Urban Aboriginal Homelessness component to create 111 units of affordable housing for Aboriginals and their families.

We have delivered \$3.7 million in funding from the federal government’s Urban Aboriginal Strategy to support 60 programs designed to improve the quality of life for urban Aboriginal people. A committee of Métis and First Nations people recommend funding projects based on needs identified in the Community Plan.

The Edmonton Aboriginal Committee on Housing focuses on the unique and pressing housing-related needs facing Edmonton’s Aboriginal community. It ensures a strong link is maintained with the Aboriginal community.



### The Winter Emergency Response Plan

We work collaboratively with the community to develop a comprehensive winter emergency response plan for Edmonton’s homeless. Since 1999, the Trust Fund has provided over \$2 million for emergency response initiatives including food, clothing and shelter for our most vulnerable citizens, helping to provide safety and prevent loss of life.

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### Support Service Funding

In addition to providing funding for housing projects, we fund pilot support service projects in the community. These projects assist the homeless by providing damage deposit funding for low-income renters, funding for outreach workers, and other special programs designed to address homelessness. Since 1999, over \$4 million has been allocated to more than 30 support service projects.



### There’s no place like home

While progress has been made, the need continues to exist for additional affordable housing. Alberta’s booming economy, combined with the constant migration of new individuals and families to Edmonton, means the Joint Planning Committee and Trust Fund will continue to play a pivotal role in ensuring current and future housing challenges are met.

We will continue to work with government on new programs and continue to build on the strengths of our partners that have given a helping hand to so many needy Edmontonians.

**“At the end of my addiction I was in isolation and knew that by returning to my old place it was too easy to fall into loneliness, depression and using again. This house has been invaluable to my recovery. I feel safe and supported.”**

Kavir, Safe Harbour Homes



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