

Aboriginal Housing Initiative

Call for Expressions of Interest to Aboriginal Non-Profit Societies

BC Housing, in partnership with the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA), has issued a province-wide call for Expressions of Interest to Aboriginal non-profit societies interested in developing and operating new housing units for Aboriginal individuals and their families living off-reserve in British Columbia.

The Aboriginal Housing Initiative is intended to assist in providing stable, affordable and good quality housing. The Government of Canada is providing \$50.9 million in one-time Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Trust funds to the Province of B.C. to assist in addressing short-term housing needs for Aboriginals living off-reserve.

The objective of the Aboriginal Housing Initiative is to identify those projects that could benefit from funding for capital costs. As the Aboriginal Housing Initiative is a grant program, priority will be given to projects that have confirmed partners in place for any required operational funding.

Initiatives can be targeted to specific provincial Aboriginal needs and priorities, which may include:

- emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing;
- longer term rental housing, with support services;
- larger unit family housing;
- and innovative projects, such as group housing for youth and/or elders.

AHMA, the first and only Aboriginal social housing management agency in Canada, was formed in B.C. in the mid-1990s and represents 14 Aboriginal housing associations across the province. AHMA helped to establish the evaluation criteria for this proposal call and will continue to be involved during the evaluation process. Expressions of Interest are welcome from any Aboriginal non-profit society interested in providing safe, secure housing for Aboriginals and their families living off-reserve in British Columbia.

Expressions of Interest must be made in the prescribed format and received by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007, forwarded to:

BC Housing

Attention: Assistant Manager,
Program Analysis

EOI for Aboriginal Housing Initiative

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Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4V8

For a copy of the Expressions of Interest document and other supporting documents, visit http://www.bchousing.org/programs/proposals/bc_wide.

Any questions on the call for proposal should be directed to Karen Hemmingson, Assistant Manager of Program Analysis at 604-529-2233.