

# Backgrounder

## Funding Information

### **Homelessness Partnering Strategy:**

The Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) is a unique community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to 61 communities across Canada. The HPS took effect April 1, 2007, with annual funding of \$134.8 million for two years, and was extended in 2008 for a further two years until March 31, 2011.

The HPS provides structures and supports that help people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless achieve self-sufficiency and full participation in society. This model seeks to address homelessness by working in partnership with the provinces and territories, other federal departments, as well as with communities and the private and non-profit sectors.

By working with all our partners, the government will maximize results to make a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable Canadians. The Homelessness Partnering Strategy provides the support that community partners are seeking.

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy uses a housing-first approach, recognizing that the first step is to provide individuals with transitional and supportive housing.

The HPS has seven funding streams:

#### Regionally Delivered:

- Designated Communities
- Outreach Communities
- Aboriginal Communities

#### Nationally Delivered:

- Federal Horizontal Pilot Projects
- Homelessness Knowledge Development
- Homeless Individuals and Families Information System
- Surplus Federal Real Property for Homelessness Initiative

For more information on the Homelessness Partnering Strategy and the seven funding streams, please visit the following Web site: [www.hrsdc.gc.ca/homelessness](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/homelessness).

### **Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative:**

The Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative (WHHI) is a partnership between the Government of Canada, the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg. The partners work together to provide funding for affordable housing, to address homelessness, and to assist in the revitalization of Winnipeg's older neighbourhoods by providing rehabilitation and repair loans. The WHHI is a single-window office for community organizations and service providers to apply for housing and homelessness funding and to access information on government-funded housing and homelessness programs. For more information, visit [www.whhi.ca](http://www.whhi.ca).

### **Canada-wide Program Extensions:**

In September 2008, the Government of Canada announced a \$1.9-billion commitment for housing and homelessness, which extended the Affordable Housing Initiative and the renovation programs for low-income households for five years. In Manitoba, these initiatives are jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments through contributions totalling over \$34 million for the next two years.

### **Canada's Economic Action Plan:**

The Government of Canada has allocated \$79 million in Manitoba under Canada's Economic Action Plan as part of a two-year national investment of more than \$2 billion to build new and renovate existing social housing in Canada. The Province will also contribute \$79 million for these initiatives over the next two years. For more information on Canada's Economic Action Plan, call 1 800 O-Canada.

### **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:**

To find out more about how the Government of Canada is working to build stronger homes and communities for all Canadians, contact the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation at 1-800-668-2642 or visit [www.cmhc.ca/housingactionplan](http://www.cmhc.ca/housingactionplan).

### **HOMEWorks!:**

In April 2007, the Province of Manitoba unveiled HOUSING First, a four-pillar, \$188-million, low-income housing strategy including HOMEWorks!—a \$104.5-million initiative to help provide affordable homes for low-income Manitobans in five areas that were identified by stakeholders, in order to build a stronger foundation for healthy families and communities. The priorities include: inner-city revitalization; older Manitobans; urban Aboriginal people; northern Manitobans; and homeless Manitobans. For more information, please visit [www.gov.mb.ca/housing/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/index.html).

### **Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation:**

The Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation (WHRC) was founded by the City of Winnipeg in the late 1970s. WHRC is a non-profit organization that develops and manages affordable housing in Winnipeg. During the last three decades, WHRC has developed over 700 housing units for Winnipeg residents. The organization's housing projects include renovated warehouses, apartment buildings, single family homes, duplexes and triplexes. WHRC's focus has been on the revitalization of Winnipeg's inner-city neighbourhoods. For more information about WHRC and its programs, please visit [www.whrc.ca](http://www.whrc.ca) or call 204-949-2880.