



Aboriginal Housing Management Association  
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## OPERATIONS - MEMO

June 7, 2022

### Attention AHMA Members:

AHMA is pleased to provide your organization with important information on the recently announced Northern Access Round by The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. A summary of the application and eligibility requirements has been prepared below.

#### Duration:

February 23, 2022 – March 2025

#### Value:

\$200-250k Incubation  
\$75 million Implementation distributed  
amongst successful *Stage 2* applicants

### Grant Background:

The federal Budget 2019 announced The Housing Supply Challenge (HSP) with the goal of reducing barriers to housing supply and affordability. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) was appointed by the government to undertake the task of creating an affordable home for everyone in Canada by 2030. The Challenge offers \$300 million in funding for solutions that will lead to more affordable housing. Through a series of rounds, the Challenge will address different target areas. This funding opportunity is part of the third round A.K.A the Northern Access Round (NAR) of the HSP.

### Grant Purpose:

The Northern Access Round is funding solutions that address barriers to the supply chain that reduce time, cost, and risk associated with accessing materials and resources required to build, operate, and maintain housing in northern and remote regions. However, this opportunity will not fund projects that build or maintain housing, it is specifically focused on developing solutions to improve the supply chain issues, that are negatively impacting housing development in northern and remote communities.

CMHC identified seven areas of need for solutions to improve supply chain issues, they are, design & plan, procure, transport, receive & store, build, sustain, and capacity. Examples of solutions are vast, including better storage practices, creating supply chain efficiencies, developing a local program to develop homegrown skilled workers, or building a sawmill to reduce the need for the supply chain entirely.

### Eligible Organizations:

- For-profit and not-for-profit organizations



- Indigenous governments, organizations, and groups. Groups were described as “non-prescriptive” and CMHC is open to any ensemble of people.
- Canadian post-secondary institutions
- Provincial, territorial municipal, local, and regional governments.
- International entities may apply but require a Canadian partner.
- Organizations can only be the legal applicant once, however, may partner on an unlimited number of applications.

### **Eligible Expenses:**

This opportunity is split into three stages, each with its own requirements and funding allocation, a detailed description can be found in the section below. However, this opportunity will not fund projects that build or maintain housing, it is specific to solutions regarding the supply chain in northern and remote communities. Proposal ideas could include training initiatives to train more Indigenous workers in the trades and construction sector to get projects shovel ready faster. Or Indigenous-owned assets that could supply building materials in short supply.

### **Key Dates & Reporting Requirements:**

#### *Stage 1*

- February 23, 2022, and ends at 2 pm, June 23, 2022.
- Applicants to develop a Stage 1 Submission for Stage 2, support programs are available to ensure the quality of applications.
- CMHC will identify a shortlist of candidates by August 2022, being awarded \$200-\$250k incubation funding to begin implementing their project ideas.

#### *Stage 2*

- Shortlisted applicants are eligible for up to \$250k for incubation funding
- One year from acceptance to develop a Stage 2 submission, the deadline is November 2023.
- Applicant Support Program by Evergreen is still available for support at this stage.
- Expert evaluation panel will identify candidates for Implementation Funding in stage 3.

#### *Stage 3*

- Up to \$75 million in total to be dispersed amongst projects selected from Stage 2.
- 18 months to utilize funding to develop their solution, after an 18-months period (March 2025), these solutions are expected to be self-sustaining and remain financially viable beyond the Challenge end date in 2030.



## Support Programs:

This funding opportunity has incentives and supports embedded into the process, for example, CMHC is offering two programs to support applicants, the Northern Ideas Development Program, hosted by Innovation 7, and the Applicant Support Program offered by Evergreen, details can be found below. These programs are meant to remove capacity barriers to applicants, CMHC acknowledged Northern teams are typically smaller than southern organizations, and they are relying on their unique expertise for solutions.

### *Applicant Support Program*

- Evergreen offers four months of support leading up to the application deadline for Stage 1.
- Evergreen does not require an application to receive support, all applicants to the Northern Access Round are eligible.
- Available to all applicants from any location across Canada.
- Ideal program for applicants without capacity barriers to meet the Submission Requirements.
- Evergreen will ensure applicants meet the eligibility requirements, navigate the submission process, host networking events, and facilitate collaborations.

### *Northern Ideas Development Program (NIDP)*

- Innovation 7 offers four months of support leading up to the application deadline for Stage 1, however, it is encouraged to access early to ensure the best results.
- Applicants must be northern or remote or have a partner that is northern or remote.
- Northern is understood as any community above the southern limit of permafrost.
- CMHC allows applicants to describe their “remoteness” by evidence of the supply chain barriers in their communities. For example, remote communities exist in the north, but also along the United States border.
- This program is ideal for applicants with solutions, however, lack the capacity to complete the application to a high quality.
- NIDP is unique in that they accept participants who identify a problem without a solution or applicants with solutions that require a community to partner for implementation.
- NIDP will create networking opportunities, but also works to directly facilitate collaborations between the applicants, unless instructed otherwise.



**Further Information:**

<b>Canada Mortgage &amp; Housing Corporation</b>	
Email	<a href="mailto:Challenge@cmhc.ca">Challenge@cmhc.ca</a>
Application Guidelines	<a href="https://impact.canada.ca/challenges/housing-supply-challenge-round-3/application-form">https://impact.canada.ca/challenges/housing-supply-challenge-round-3/application-form</a>
Website	<a href="https://impact.canada.ca/challenges/housing-supply-challenge-round-3/application-guide#section7">https://impact.canada.ca/challenges/housing-supply-challenge-round-3/application-guide#section7</a>
<b>Northern Ideas Development Program (NIDP)</b>	
Email	<a href="mailto:help@NIDP.ca">help@NIDP.ca</a>
Application Guidelines	<a href="https://nidp.ca/apply/">https://nidp.ca/apply/</a>
Website	<a href="https://nidp.ca/">https://nidp.ca/</a>
<b>Applicant Support Program</b>	
Email	<a href="mailto:HSC-DOLsupport3@evergreen.ca">HSC-DOLsupport3@evergreen.ca</a>
Website	<a href="https://futurecitiescanada.ca/portal/our-focus/hsc-support-program/#round-3">https://futurecitiescanada.ca/portal/our-focus/hsc-support-program/#round-3</a>