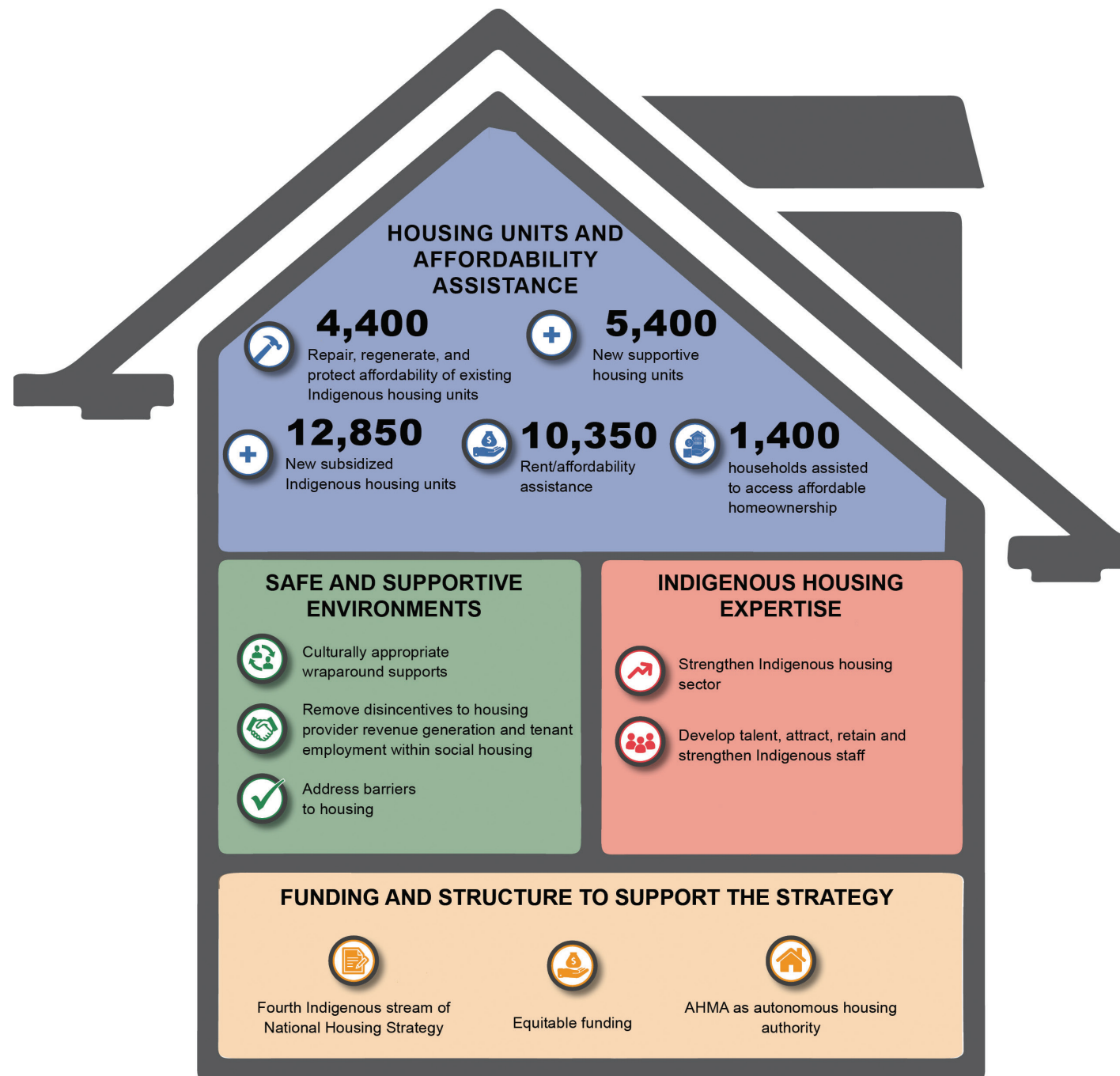


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The **Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA)** was established in 1996 with a mission to “lead and advance housing rights for ALL Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia”. AHMA's housing and service provider members oversee more than 95% of Indigenous housing units across BC, providing homes to over 10,000 Indigenous individuals and families living in urban, rural, and northern regions of the province. Some of the supports that our members offer include culturally safe affordable housing, wrap-around support services, transitional housing, assisted living facilities, and complex care housing. Many of AHMA's members also offer support services including homelessness prevention, parenting supports, mental health programs, cultural healing, and substance use support. AHMA members make up over one third of Indigenous housing providers in Canada.



AHMA

In January 2022, AHMA released BC's first urban, rural, and northern Indigenous housing strategy. We created the strategy with a vision firmly rooted in inclusivity, community, empowerment, and resilience. AHMA's housing strategy reflects the reality that approximately 75% of Indigenous people live in urban environments and not on reserves. It is widely known that the playing field is not even. Due to multi-generational trauma and colonial oppression, Indigenous people have a different socio-economic reality, which requires a more holistic and committed response. AHMA offers an expert set of solutions listed in 13 Strategic Actions.

13 STRATEGIC ACTIONS + 4 KEY OBJECTIVES



AHMA's Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy for BC is part of our vision to provide safe, affordable, culturally supportive housing to all Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia. It was created to bridge the gap in government funding and services to address the housing rights violations experienced by Indigenous people residing in urban, rural and northern communities in BC. Since publication, AHMA's Strategy has received national recognition and broad endorsement as the expert national baseline for Indigenous housing solutions and an example of excellence in Indigenous research and practice. We are now advocating for implementation funding and welcome all voices in supporting this effort.



Foundational Funding & Structure

1. Support AHMA as an independent housing authority with appropriate funding and resources.
2. Establish a fourth stream within the NHS to fund housing for Indigenous people living in urban, rural, and northern settings.
3. Ensure equitable distribution of funds to Indigenous households in core housing need.

Housing Units & Affordability

4. Ensure sustainability of existing units operated and maintained by AHMA members.
5. Build 12,850 subsidized Indigenous-owned and operated housing units over the next 10 years.
6. Create 5,400 new supportive housing units for individuals as well as families with intensive support needs.
7. Provide rent / affordability assistance to 10,350 Indigenous households who have access to good market housing but cannot afford their rent or ownership housing costs.
8. Establish a support plan that creates pathways providing Indigenous people with different options on the housing continuum, including supporting 1,400 households to access affordable homeownership.

Safe & Supportive Environments

9. Provide funding to embed culturally appropriate wraparound services and enable cultural recognition within housing to support the success of individuals and families.
10. Modernize social housing frameworks to remove impediments for both housing providers engaging in revenue generation and disincentives for tenants to engage in paid employment.
11. Address barriers to accessing housing for Indigenous people.

Indigenous Housing Expertise

12. Develop a plan to support Indigenous housing providers in developing talent and in attracting, retaining, and strengthening Indigenous staff.
13. Increase resources to Indigenous housing and service providers and provide funding for AHMA to strengthen the Indigenous housing sector.

“The Province values AMHA as a key partner in working to address the urgent need for better housing options for Indigenous individuals, families and Elders in communities across BC. This is important work as we all continue to look for solutions to address the unique challenges Indigenous Peoples face when it comes to housing in urban and rural areas.”

Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Acting Minister of Housing (AHMA engagement session, Kelowna, July 28, 2022)

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Address the housing needs of all Indigenous households living in urban, rural, and northern communities.
2. Strive toward a world without Indigenous homelessness.
3. Ensure Indigenous people have access to a variety of housing solutions, including homeownership.
4. Support improved health and wellbeing of Indigenous people through safe, stable, and culturally appropriate housing programs and services.