



Aboriginal Housing Management Association  
*Over 25 years of Indigenous housing expertise.*

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**To:**

Hon Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure

Ana Bailão, CEO, Build Canada Homes

David Europe-Finner, Manager Programs, First Nation Housing (CMHC)

Eiad El Fateh, Director of Indigenous and External Engagement (HICC)

**Subject: Continuing Partnership on the Indigenous Youth Housing Strategy –  
Request for Phase Two Funding**

Dear Hon Minister Robertson et al,

On June 1, 2024, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) funded the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) to develop the [Indigenous Youth Housing Strategy](#) (IYHS). We are pleased to announce that we officially launched the IYHS on September 17, 2025, at our Annual General Meeting. Since that time, we have received multiple messages of support and interest. We deeply appreciate the Government of Canada's commitment to youth housing initiatives and thank you for a continued and collaborative working relationship.

The IYHS represents a shift in power for young Indigenous voices to design housing systems and models meant to serve them. **The next phase is to take our *For Indigenous Youth, By Indigenous Youth (FIYBIY)* housing models from ideation into implementation.** We can do this by working with AHMA members (expert urban Indigenous housing and service providers) to develop new units or renovate existing sites that are currently not operational.



Our vision is for Young Indigenous Peoples (YIPs) across BC to have access to culturally supportive housing options regardless of location, income, or level of support needed. As we look ahead, AHMA has included supporting Phase Two of the IYHS in [our recent federal budget submission](#) and [our recent CMHC funding request](#). Our members are prepared to act on the next phase of investment.

Phase Two funding will support AHMA in developing a youth-focused team to respond to our membership's call to develop youth-centred housing. Continuing this work will ensure that the engagement framework and housing solutions developed in Phase One can be transformed into real homes for the next generation.

We are reaching out to elevate your awareness ahead of the upcoming federal budget announcement and make a request to fund the IYHS. **The IYHS is an unprecedented, nation-leading document that deserves sustained partnership and investment.** As we celebrate what has been accomplished together, we invite CMHC and the Ministry of Housing to consider how much more we could do in Phase Two.

Finally, we note that the new Build Canada Homes program and related capital funding streams present a timely opportunity to align new builds with the IYHS vision of ensuring future housing for YIPs that is affordable, culturally supportive, and youth-designed.

AHMA looks forward to continuing this important relationship, and we welcome the opportunity to meet with your team to discuss Phase Two of the IYHS in greater detail. Together, we can ensure that the voices and solutions of Indigenous youth inform Canada's housing future.

All My Relations,

Margaret Pfoh  
CEO, AHMA