



INDIGENOUS HOUSING IS ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Aboriginal Housing Management Association

SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT



Every \$1 invested in Indigenous housing generates at least

\$6.79 in social value



This includes:

- **\$3.12** in government savings
- Better **health outcomes**
- Reduced homelessness
- **Stronger** communities
- Greater **workforce** participation

INDIGENOUS NEED

Indigenous people are disproportionately affected by homelessness

13X more likely to experience homelessness than non-Indigenous Canadians



→ 5.7% of BC's population



→ 40% of people experiencing homelessness



more than **80%** in some northern communities

HOUSING GENERATES RETURNS ACROSS ALL SECTORS

HOUSING A PERSON WHILE HOMELESS COSTS:

Less than **\$200/month** in social housing

More than **\$10,000/month** in a hospital bed



FAMILY



EDUCATION



HEALTH



EMPLOYMENT



JUSTICE



NEED FOR URBAN, RURAL, & NORTHERN

74% of Indigenous people in BC live off-reserve in urban environments.

AHMA members manage more than **95%** of all Indigenous housing units in urban, rural, and northern areas of BC.

CANADA'S POLYCRISIS



Healthcare pressures



Housing affordability



Rising costs



Labour shortages



Aging population



Growing homelessness

Housing isn't separate from these challenges → it helps solve them

PROOF IT WORKS

Stable housing reduces pressure on public systems



52% fewer Emergency Room visits



Nearly **80%** shorter hospital stays



Stronger workforce & communities, increased health & reconciliation



AHMA IS READY TO DELIVER

AHMA IS ALREADY DELIVERING, AND HAS THE SYSTEMS FOR SUCCESS



6,000+
Housing Units



960+
Homes in Development



10,000+
Indigenous People Housed



30 YEARS
Of Indigenous Housing Leadership

READY NOW

The need is urgent, and the return on investment is clear.
The delivery mechanisms already exist, AHMA is ready.

AHMA ALREADY HAS:

- ✓ Proven delivery systems
- ✓ Indigenous leadership
- ✓ Community partnerships
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Shovel-ready projects

AHMA IS READY TO BUILD NOW



2,000
Shovel Ready Projects



Start this year



COST OF DELAY



4,600 Indigenous tenants affected



1,673 affordable homes at risk



Growing \$250 million capital renewal backlog



Reaching Home funding ends in 2028



Urban Native Housing operating agreements expire in 2028

The most affordable home is the one that **already exists**

ROADMAP FOR ACTION

2026

- **\$1 Billion** for 2,000 shovel ready projects
- Protect **Urban Native Housing** assets post-2028
 - **\$12 million/year** subsidy
 - **\$10 million/year** capital upgrade funding
- Accelerate development approvals

2027-2028

- Renew and expand **Reaching Home** funding
- Address **capital renewal** needs
- Expand culturally safe housing and support services

2028-2031

- Make full implementation of the **Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy** a core pillar of the National Housing Strategy, with direct Indigenous-led delivery and long-term funding commitments

2031



- Build a **sustainable Indigenous housing system** that improves health, strengthens communities, supports economic participation, and reduces long-term public expenditures.