

### City of Edmonton's role in Indigenous-led Housing

At the June 27, 2022, Community Public Services Committee, Administration presented an Indigenous Affordable Housing Strategy (CS00433).

The preparation of the strategy included robust engagement with 59 stakeholders and rightsholders which included Indigenous-led organizations, non-Indigenous housing providers and support services, and advocacy groups focused on housing and socio-economic issues.

The Indigenous Affordable Housing Strategy identified 23 recommendations across seven broad categories.

### Actions Undertaken to Incentivize and Prioritize Indigenous-led Affordable Housing

Since the introduction of the Indigenous Affordable Housing Strategy, Administration has introduced a number of programs and initiatives to respond to the Strategy's recommendations and to incentivize and prioritize Indigenous-led organizations to create supportive and affordable housing. These efforts include the following:

- In January 2023, the City began administering the Affordable Housing Tax Grant which offsets municipal property taxes for non-profit entities operating bridge housing, supportive housing, government-supported housing and other permanent affordable housing.
- The Indigenous Housing Grant stream under the Affordable Housing Investment Program specifically for Indigenous-led Housing Providers was launched in March 2023. The City will provide up to 25 per cent of total capital costs for affordable housing. Grants of up to 40 per cent will be considered for proposals that include deep subsidies for priority groups, such as women and children fleeing domestic violence, exceed environmental, and provide larger units.
  - Eligible projects include Affordable Homeownership - which was introduced based on feedback from Indigenous-led housing providers.
  - During the intake process program requirements were amended and the application deadline was extended based on feedback received from indigenous housing providers.
  - Applications closed on August 12, 2023, with recommendations for this grant funding going to Executive Committee in early 2024 (CS01752)

## Attachment 1

Indigenous Housing Grant Program - 2023 Grant Award  
Recommendations).

- An Indigenous Housing Liaison is in recruitment to support Indigenous Housing Providers and help navigate City of Edmonton development processes.