



ON-RESERVE AND COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVE 2021-2024 STREAM 5 - INNOVATION

STREAM 5

Innovation

1) OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the financial assistance is to support the most promising and innovative regional projects that will allow an advance and evolution in the field of on-reserve housing.

Projects must demonstrate long-term sustainability (where applicable), involve partners for capacity enhancement purposes and be exportable to other First Nations communities.

Depending on the nature of the project, a feasibility study is desirable as the first phase to be submitted as part of an innovation project.

2) ELIGIBILITY

A) Eligible Applicants

- Band Councils
- First Nations Organizations (e.g. Tribal Councils; Regional Societies, Commissions and Institutes; Adult and Vocational Education Centres)

B) Project

Categories of innovative projects related to housing

- 5.1 – Housing Governance
- 5.2 – Housing Management
- 5.3 – Construction and Renovation Training
- 5.4 – Community Housing Planning
- 5.5 – Housing Finance

For the project to be eligible, it must meet all of these criteria:

- 1) Be an **innovative project**: promising, cutting-edge and/or that could lead to a breakthrough and/or evolution in the housing field.
- 2) Be a project that **can be exported** to other communities.
- 3) Be a project that includes **partnerships** that contribute financially and/or in kind to its realization.



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3) PROJECT CATEGORIES



EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

To support your thinking, we recommend that you consult the [Compendium of Inspiring Capacity Enhancement and Innovation Projects](#) (see Toolbox section) for project ideas completed in the On-Reserve and Community Housing Initiative 2019-2021.

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5.1 Housing Governance | Innovative projects in this category support decision-making, rules, policies and practices in the housing field to ensure the optimal functioning of the organization. Governance also involves the political and operational structures responsible for making decisions, applying rules and practices, and implementing and monitoring them. |
| 5.2 Housing Management | Innovative projects in this category support the development of knowledge and practical skills to manage projects, activities and programs/initiatives that contribute to the day-to-day operations of housing in the community. |
| 5.3 Construction and Renovation Training | Innovative projects in this category support training and skill building for safe and adequate housing for occupants. |
| 5.4 Community Housing Planning | Innovative projects in this category support the identification of short, medium and long-term infrastructure and housing needs. |
| 5.5 Housing Finance | Innovative projects in this category support First Nations communities and individuals in accessing sustainable capital to meet their housing needs. |



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4) REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A) Partnerships

Projects will require partnerships and a pooling of resources from each participant/partner in the development and implementation of the project.

Partnerships may involve (but are not limited to) participation, mentoring, collaboration and/or support:

- First Nations Organizations (e.g. Tribal Councils, Regional Commissions of First Nations Organizations);
- First Nation(s) (if the applicant is a First Nation Organization);
- Research centers (applied research);
- Educational institutions (e.g., vocational training and adult education centers, colleges, universities)
- First Nations businesses, private businesses and housing industries.

B) Evaluation

Projects submitted in the Innovation stream will be evaluated according to the following requirements

| Requirements | Score |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| A. Responding to a housing need/issue on reserve | 20 points |
| B. Demonstration of the innovative aspect of the project | 25 points |
| C. Scope of the project | 20 points |
| D. Involvement of partners | 10 points |
| E. Budget and contributions of the partners to the project | 25 points |
| TOTAL | 100 points |

The details of each of these requirements are in the application form.

5) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

ISC financial assistance for the development and implementation of a project in the Innovation stream will be based on the following contribution table:

| TOTAL PROJECT COST | CONTRIBUTIONS (% OF TOTAL PROJECT COST) | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| | ISC ¹ | APPLICANT AND PARTNERS (FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND ²) |
| Between \$0 and \$50,000 | 90% | 10% |
| Between \$50,001 and \$100,000 | 80% | 20% |
| Between \$100,001 and \$250,000 | 70% | 30% |
| Between \$250,001 and \$500,000 | 60% | 40% |
| \$500,001 and over | 50% | 50% |

Project costs must include:

- Project administration and management costs of up to 7%.

¹ Depending on the availability of funds.

² An in-kind contribution is non-financial assistance. An eligible in-kind contribution could be, for example, technical services or time spent by individuals from the partner organizations to guide or participate in the



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project. An estimate of the value of this in-kind contribution can be considered in the total cost of the project.

6) PERIOD OF APPLICATION

| Period of Application | Deadline |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Continuously | Friday, March 29, 2024 |

7) SUBMIT A PROJECT

1. Complete the proposal form: [Form: Housing – Innovation Project](#)
2. Include required project documents:
 - Detailed costing of the project.
3. Include a Band Council Resolution (for First Nations) or an equivalent confirmation of support document (for First Nations Organizations). See the proposed [Resolution template](#) for content.
4. Send the project proposal to: qclogementhousingqc@sac-isc.gc.ca

Any email exceeding 18 MB will not be received. Be sure to separate your submission if required.

Write to us!
qclogementhousingqc@sac-isc.gc.ca For questions about the On-Reserve and Community Housing Initiative.



SHARING AND DISSEMINATION OF PROJECTS

Submission of a project implies consent for the project, if selected and funded, to be listed in the "[Compendium of Inspiring Capacity Enhancement and Innovation Projects](#)" in order to share its objectives and expected results with other communities.

This will allow other communities, depending on their needs, to acquire similar tools (projects) and to be inspired by good practices. Networking and mentoring between communities is strongly encouraged by ISC.



SUPPORT - PROJECT PLANNING AND PROPOSAL

If you need assistance in planning and preparing a project proposal, you can contact your infrastructure department, your Tribal Council's technical services department, or your Housing Circuit Rider.