



ON-RESERVE AND COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVE 2024-2027

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 may be desirable as the first phase of an innovation project. If this is the case, the application should be submitted under [Stream 4 - Capacity Enhancement](#).

2) ELIGIBILITY

A) Eligible Applicants

- Band Councils
- First Nations Organizations (e.g. Tribal Councils; Regional Societies, Commissions and Institutes; Vocational training and adult education centers)

B) Project

Categories of innovative projects related to housing

- 5.1 – Governance of housing
- 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 invite you to consult the [Compendium of Inspiring Capacity Enhancement and Innovation Projects](#) (see the Toolbox section).

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
5.1 Governance of housing	Innovative projects in this category support the development and implementation of housing policies, rules and practices 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 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 to access 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 project. An estimate of the value of this in-kind contribution can be considered in the total cost of the project.



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6) PERIOD OF APPLICATION

No deadlines apply; this is a continuous submission process. Funding will be granted according to the department's eligibility criteria and available funds.

7) SUBMIT A PROJECT

1. Complete the form: [Innovation](#)
2. Include a detailed estimate of project costs.
3. Send the project proposal to:
qclogementhousingqc@sac-isc.gc.ca

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

For questions about the Housing Initiative:
qclogementhousingqc@sac-isc.gc.ca.



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 and to be inspired by good practices. Networking and mentoring between communities is strongly encouraged by ISC.



SUPPORT - PROJECT PLANNING

If you need assistance in planning and preparing a project proposal, you can contact your infrastructure department, your Tribal Council's technical services department, your Housing Circuit Rider or the [Point of Contact Housing](#) (PoCH).