



# ON-RESERVE AND COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVE 2021-2024

## STREAM 2 – RENOVATION OF THE BASIC COMPONENTS OF A HOUSING UNIT

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Renovation of the basic components of a housing unit

#### 1) OBJECTIVE

Financial assistance is intended to support the implementation of housing unit renovation projects primarily for (in no order of priority):

- **Upgrading** housing that does **not meet basic health and safety standards**.
- Upgrading of major structural and mechanical components of the building **that have reached the end of their useful life** (e.g., but not limited to: roofs, doors and windows, siding).
- **Energy efficiency** improvements.

#### 2) ELIGIBILITY

##### A) Eligible Applicants

- Band Councils

##### B) Project

###### What is eligible

- Maximum number of housing unit renovation projects per year = 10\*.
- Rental housing units owned by the Band Council.
- On-Reserve Shelters.
- Seniors' homes on reserve with self-contained units.
- A combination with CMHC funding under the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) **is eligible only if the funding requested does not cover the same repairs**.



#### \*RENOVATION - NUMBER OF UNITS

Proposals for renovations of more than 10 units per year may be submitted if it is demonstrated that the project can be completed within the maximum ISC financial assistance (10 subsidies/year) or with additional funding sources (e.g., base budget and/or replacement reserve).

#### Eligible work (focused on sustainability and energy efficiency)

- Roofing.
- Exterior cladding.
- Doors and windows.
- Insulation and waterproofing.
- Replacement\*, repair and/or sealing of foundation and/or structures.
- Installation or rehabilitation of the French drain and reprofiling of the land.
- Plumbing (entrance and network only) and water heater.
- Electricity (electrical input/circuit breakers and network only).
- Air exchanger and heat recovery unit.
- Heating system.
- Bathroom and installation of an efficient fan (suggestion: with switch/timer).
- High performance kitchen hood.
- Acquisition and installation of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Housing adaptation work to promote autonomy.
- Radon mitigation work (refer to the Capacity Enhancement stream to submit a project related to radon testing activities).

We invite you to consult [Natural Resources Canada's Energy Efficiency website](#) for information on energy efficiency for different product categories such as: lighting, water heaters, windows and doors, fans, heating.



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### \*FOUNDATION REPLACEMENT - RADON

A foundation replacement project shall include the minimum installation of radon devices.

To ensure the health and safety of the occupants, a long-term radon test (minimum 3 months) must be performed during the first heating season following occupancy to ensure that there is no radon present above the 200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> limit. The results of the tests must be forwarded to ISC.

In the event that radon is found to be above the standard, the associated costs to complete the installation of depressurization equipment may be reimbursed by ISC, upon proof of results and a cost estimate.

#### Additional information

- [References on radon](#)
- [Radon: What you need to know \(video\)](#)
- [Radon – Long-term test instructions](#)
- [Radon control options for new construction in low-rise residential buildings](#) (CAN/CGSB-149.11-2019), published by the Canadian General Standards Board for information on radon mitigation systems

#### What is inadmissible

- Privately owned homes.
- Homes governed by an agreement under CMHC's On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program (Section 95).
- Cosmetic only repairs and other non-structural or non-mechanical items.
- Projects completed prior to this initiative are not eligible for reimbursement.

### 3) REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### A) National Building Code (NBC)

We strongly recommend that the renovation work minimally comply with the 2015 NBC or any other recognized, equivalent or superior code used locally.

#### B) Energy efficiency and sustainable development

Renovations should be done with the goal of increasing the energy efficiency of the building, which will contribute to long-term savings as well as improving the comfort of the occupants.

The choice of materials is a crucial element from an energy point of view but also when it comes to the durability of the various components of a house. It is this choice that will directly influence the longevity of the home. The renovations to be done must therefore extend the structural or mechanical life of the housing.

We invite you to consult the [Ecohome website](#) for references, guides and technical sheets on sustainable housing, from planning to construction/renovation.

#### C) Project cost overruns

Recipients will be responsible for all cost overruns.



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### 4) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Community		Maximum ISC subsidy <sup>1,2</sup> per housing unit (\$)	Community		Maximum ISC subsidy <sup>1,2</sup> per housing unit (\$)
50	Wendake	27,900	74	Barriere Lake	27,900
51	Listiguj	27,900	76	Mashteuiatsh	27,900
52	Gesgapegiag	27,900	77	Wemotaci	27,900
55	Pikogan	27,900	78	Manawan	27,900
63	Lake Simon	27,900	79	Opitciwan	31,100
64	Timiskaming	31,100	80	Uashat Mak Mani Utenam	27,900
65	Kipawa	31,100	82	Ekuanitshit	27,900
67	Long Point	27,900	83	Natashquan	31,100
69	Kanesatake	27,900	84	Unamen Shipu	50,100
70	Kahnawake	27,900	85	Pessamit	27,900
71	Wôlinak	27,900	86	Essipit	27,900
72	Odanak	27,900	87	Matimekush	44,300
73	Kitigan Zibi	27,900	88	Pakua Shipi	50,100

<sup>1</sup>The subsidy includes:

- Project administration and management costs of 7%.
- Compliance inspection fees.

<sup>2</sup>Renovation subsidies constitute maximum indexed financial assistance (indexation based on a remoteness index established according to the differences between the geographical areas of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Maximum Unit Prices 2021).

### 5) PERIOD OF APPLICATION

Period of application	Duration	Deadline
From Monday August 23, 2021 to Friday January 14, 2022.	21 weeks (5 months)	<b>Friday, January 14, 2022</b>

### 6) SUBMIT A PROJECT

1. Complete one form per renovation project: [Form: Renovation Project](#)
2. Include required project documents:
  - Project location plan
  - Evaluation and detailed cost estimates of the project.
  - Radon test results (foundation replacement project only). To be provided after work is completed.

**Note:** Recent inspection reports from Environmental Health Officer may be attached to support the proposal, but are not required.



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3. Include a single Band Council Resolution demonstrating support for all of the renovation projects submitted under this initiative. See the proposed [Resolution template](#) for content.
4. Send the project proposal to:  
[aadnc.qclogementhousinggc.aandc@canada.ca](mailto:aadnc.qclogementhousinggc.aandc@canada.ca)

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

Write to us!

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For questions about the On-Reserve and Community Housing Initiative.



### 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.