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# Information Sheet: CMHC – Preservation Fund

CMHC's Preservation Funding helps keep housing co-ops and non-profits in good condition, ready for the future.

This fund helps to pay for completing work that will preserve the properties of existing community housing.

## Project Eligibility

Co-ops must meet these standards to qualify.

### Preservation Funding

You have an active federally administered operating agreement and are complying with all its terms (not in breach).

### Seed (Preservation Stream)

- You had a federally administered operating agreement (including federally administered co-ops and those transferred under a Social Housing Agreement (SHA) whose federal operating agreements have ended).
- You complied with all operating-agreement terms (not in breach).
- Your co-op is mostly residential with a minimum of five affordable housing units.
- Your housing charges must be considered affordable, as determined by the municipality, province or territory, or another CMHC program.

## Who is eligible?

Not-for-profit housing co-operatives and other non-profit housing organizations.

[CMHC's Product Highlight Sheet for Preservation Funding](#) includes detailed information and eligibility requirements.

### Contact your Affordable Housing Specialist

A regionally based CMHC housing-solutions specialist can help with your application. Find your specialist online:  
<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/maintaining-and-managing/managing-affordable-housing/connect-with-affordable-housing-specialists>

### General inquiries or technical support

[contactcentre@cmhc.ca](mailto:contactcentre@cmhc.ca) or  
1-800-668-2642  
[cmhc.ca/preservationfunding](https://cmhc.ca/preservationfunding)

## Funding Priority

In addition to meeting basic standards, a proposal will score as a higher priority where it is clear that the work will directly support the following focus areas:

- Housing for those in greatest need (vulnerable Canadians)
- Housing for those in the North (Yukon, NWT and Nunavut)
- Partnerships / collaborations
- Social sustainability
- Economic sustainability
- Environmental sustainability

## Maximum Funding

The maximum contribution normally available to carry out eligible preservation activities in a qualified housing co-operative is \$50,000. However, this amount could increase to \$75,000 where the housing co-op can clearly show that it provides housing to a great number of low-income households and that the work reflects the above focus areas.

## Advancing

Advances will be processed once the co-op has provided invoices for completed activities and CMHC has received supporting documentation.

## Eligible Activities

Funding is available to cover costs for work that helps preserve community housing, such as the following:

- Building condition assessment
- Capital replacement-reserve planning (CRP)
- Analysis of operating viability
- Age-friendly conversion assessment
- Energy audit

Preservation Funding is not intended to cover the cost of construction, renovation or renewal. Expenses / costs related to eligible activities carried out and invoiced prior to the approval date of Preservation Funding are not eligible.

## When to Apply

CMHC will accept and review applications on an ongoing basis.

For help in completing your application, contact your [Affordable Housing Specialist](#). They can help you understand and assess your needs, identify possible solutions, provide information on how CMHC can support your goals and help you navigate the application process.

## Funding and Review Process

Steps	Application Details
<b>Step 1:</b> Apply using the Preservation Funding form in the application portal.	Your co-op will need to register and apply for the Preservation Funding online at the application portal: <a href="#">available online</a>
<b>Step 2:</b> Sign and complete the Integrity Declaration document.	For your application to be considered, your co-op must complete and upload the signed Integrity Declaration (PDF) inside the portal: <a href="#">available online</a>
<b>Step 3:</b> Provide the required documents listed in the Preservation Funding Application – Document Requirements	For your application to be considered, your co-op must also provide and upload the documents listed in the Preservation Funding Application – Document Requirements (PDF) inside the portal: <a href="#">available online</a>

During assessment, CMHC will determine how much funding your proposal is eligible to receive.

For more information visit: [cmhc.ca / preservationfunding](https://cmhc.ca/preservationfunding)