

BACKGROUNDER

Community Housing Transformation Centre

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Leading sector organizations have formed a new federally-incorporated not-for-profit corporation to realize this new federal initiative.

The founding directors and members include:

- British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA),
- Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA),
- Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation (CQCH),
- Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia (CHF BC),
- Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada),
- Housing Services Corporation (HSC),
- Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA),
- Réseau Québécois des organismes sans but lucratif d'habitation (RQOH)
- The Agency for Co-operative Housing (The Agency).

The Centre will encourage and support a sector-driven approach to strengthening community housing across Canada.

With federal government support, the parties in this partnership will create a Centre for sector transformation and sustainability that leverages decades of experience working with thousands of non-profits, co-operatives, Indigenous housing providers and local organizations.

Key to our value proposition is our ability to draw on existing and available sector support and resources, without duplicating what is already available.

PARTNER PROFILES

British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA)

BCNPHA is the industry association for non-profit housing providers in British Columbia. It provides supports and services to more than 700 non-profit housing providers, who collectively operate more over 65,000 units of short- and long-term housing in communities throughout the province.

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA)

CHRA represents the social, non-profit and affordable housing sector in Canada. Its members include housing providers, municipalities, businesses, 12 provincial and territorial housing departments, service and support agencies, individuals, students and other housing-related associations and networks. Its membership also comprises an Indigenous Caucus that represents the interests of urban, rural and northern Indigenous housing providers.

Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation (CQCH)

Confédération québécoise des coopératives d'habitation is the voice for co-op housing in Quebec. There are approximately 1,300 housing co-ops in Quebec and more than 30,000 units. CQCH provides asset management planning, financial viability and energy sustainability assistance, and governance support to co-ops throughout Quebec in both official languages.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada)

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada is the unified voice of housing co-ops across Canada. CHF Canada represents over 900 housing co-ops, approximately 92,000 units, and a quarter of a million Canadians. CHF Canada provides asset management, insurance, co-op support, education, and advocacy in every province and territory.

Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia (CHF BC)

The Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia has 252 member co-ops with 13,600 co-op homes across British Columbia. CHF BC's services to members include education and training, group buying, advocacy, asset management planning, and access to preferential financing. The Federation also owns and operates a property management company and a community land trust.

Housing Services Corporation (HSC)

Housing Services Corporation provides programs and services to Ontario's affordable housing sector to sustain and preserve their building assets. HSC's priority programs include energy services to improve building efficiency and energy conservation, insurance and risk management, and asset management.

Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA)

The Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association represents more than 700 non-profit housing providers. ONPHA's members house more than 400,000 people in 170,000 homes in 220 Ontario communities. ONPHA fills knowledge gaps through its original research and analysis. ONPHA provides education resources and provider support to its members.

Réseau Québécois des organismes sans but lucratif d'habitation (RQOH)

Réseau québécois des OSBL d'habitation represents non-profit housing providers in Quebec. RQOH's membership reach totals 942 providers and 38,915 units. RQOH provides technical services, an insurance program, and serves an advocacy role for its members.

The Agency for Co-operative Housing (the Agency)

The Agency for Co-operative Housing is the not-for-profit administrator of federal co-operative housing programs in B.C., Alberta, Ontario and PEI, under agreement with CMHC. The Agency deploys risk-based strategies, superior information management and client-centered service to safeguard the public's investment and help government and co-operative partners attain their goals.