

ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME ALBERTANS

Welcome Home!

Helping low-income seniors, individuals and families to meet their basic housing needs is a priority for the Alberta government. In fact, it is critical to the province's long-term economic growth and prosperity.

In 2007, the Alberta government committed to helping high-growth, high-need municipalities ease growth pressures.

That's why, even in a downturn, the Alberta government has continued to build the affordable housing infrastructure we know our province will need.

By partnering with the federal government, local authorities, non-profit groups and the private sector, the province has made solid progress towards the goal of 11,000 affordable housing units by 2012.

Together, our partnerships leverage our respective strengths – providing help for Albertans most in need while respecting taxpayers' concerns, and contributing to the economy.

— Jonathan Denis QC.
Minister of Housing and
Urban Affairs

Lily's story

Lily is a divorced mom of three who received no child support and needed help with housing her family.

Being able to live in affordable community housing enabled Lily to support her children's interests in sports and to upgrade her own education. Seven years later, she is now a proud homeowner, a community volunteer and continues to advance her career.



Stronger Communities

Making sure low-income Albertans can find and maintain housing is key to making safer and more sustainable communities.

From supporting growing communities like Fort McMurray to helping low-income seniors remain in the areas they helped establish, our approach focuses on partnerships backed by a grant process that is competitive.

We help to house individuals and families by working with our partners to ensure we understand the issues and collaborate on solutions for low-income Albertans in need.

By the numbers

8,400

Number of lower-income Albertans assisted with basic affordable housing yearly.

9,400

Number of affordable housing units to be developed or in progress, including homes for the homeless.

50

Taxpayer savings (%) through multi-partner approach vs. average cost of new construction.

14,250

Number of self-contained units for low- to moderate-income seniors.

\$14 million

Provided by Alberta to Habitat for Humanity to help hard-working families get established.

1,600

Number of affordable housing units for Albertans with special needs.

\$188 million

2010 capital grants budget for affordable housing and housing for the homeless.