

# Housing Supports Initiative Profile

The Housing Supports Initiative, a \$2.56m program funded by the Government of Manitoba and administered by the Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association, is currently funding 19 unique projects that expand the capacity of organizations supporting people who are exiting or at risk of homelessness. The Initiative will run for two years, and is projected to improve the housing circumstances of around 450 individuals, and provide eviction prevention support to around 900 individuals.

## Jubilee Fund launches first rent guarantee program in Manitoba



In partnership with Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters and with the support of the Housing Supports Initiative, as well as other funders, The Jubilee Fund will be launching Canada's first rent guarantee program for at-risk women in Manitoba in May 2022!

When at-risk women are unable to secure public or non-profit housing due to lack of availability, **they often turn to for-profit housing but get turned down due to lack of a rental history and/or financial viability in the landlords' eyes.** This can cause them to go back to abusive partners or secure housing with predatory property owners.

This new, innovative program's sole purpose will be to co-sign for at-risk women's rent as they rebuild their lives on tight budgets, and help build their rental history to build their independence and secure a safe and good future for their children.

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