



HOUSING NEWS



MNPCHA Rent Relief and Housing Supports Initiatives renewed in announcement for funding to prevent chronic homelessness

A press release from **Manitoba Government** highlights our Housing Supports Initiative and Manitoba Rent Relief Fund.

*"An additional \$1.3 million will support extending the Housing Supports Initiative until 2025. The **Manitoba Non-Profit Housing***

***Association** created this initiative in 2021 with a one-time grant. This funding will extend the association's support to 19 organizations, including the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Westman Immigrant Services. These organizations across Manitoba work at eviction prevention, organizational capacity building and case management services that help proactively prevent homelessness.*

***The Manitoba Rent Relief Fund**, developed in 2021, will also be extended to allow for further program evaluation. The fund was set up as a two-year pilot of a rent bank model and was also developed by the Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association. The fund helps low- to moderate-income households secure and stabilize housing by providing interest-free loans for rent, utilities, damage deposits and first-month rent payments. Rent Relief Fund employees also provide referrals to other income and support services.*

The Manitoba government will launch an application process later this spring to create a Community Advisory Committee to support the implementation of its homelessness strategy, A Place for Everyone. The committee will also assist in evaluating the success of the strategy. Approximately 10 to 15 Manitobans with experience in the sector and representing youth, women and Indigenous Manitobans will serve two-year terms on the committee."



To read more [visit news.gov.mb.ca](https://news.gov.mb.ca)

To learn more about the [Housing Supports Initiative](#) funded programs, you can go [here](#). Over the two years of the Initiative:

- the programs supported 1,727 households and 2,381 individuals with case management to support and connect individuals to housing, provide information and resources, and to prevent eviction
- 542 households experiencing homelessness transitioned into housing; where follow-ups were made, 83% of those households remained house at the 3-month follow-up
- 207 households avoided eviction
- For every dollar invested, at least \$27 was returned in savings related to preventing eviction or homelessness

Congratulations to Carolyn Ryan, who has been appointed acting CEO of Manitoba Housing of April 1, 2023.

Dwayne Rewniak has returned to previous role, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives. Thank you to Dwayne for his support and ongoing involvement in MNPHA throughout his time as CEO.

Lito Agasino is now Executive Director of Portfolio Management. Lito has a great deal of experience on the Portfolio Management team, and has worked with many non-profit housing organizations to assist them in preparing for the end of their operating agreements.

Brian Malkowich has moved into the role of Executive Director of Property Services as Harold Smith has retired.



Case Study on Toronto's Not-for-Profit Affordable Housing Acquisition Program

Sahla Mitchell, City Planning student at the University of Manitoba wrote a case study on Toronto's Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition (MURA) Program with collaboration from MNPHA.

The case study highlights that cities can play a major leadership role in addressing housing challenges through effective programs and funding. The [Housing Accelerator Fund](#), which will open for applications in June, will be an opportunity for Manitoba municipalities to access funds to develop programs like MURA that would change the affordable housing landscape in the province.

Yet, to address the scale of the loss of naturally affordable housing, the cooperation of all levels of government are needed. The successes of MURA could be utilized when designing complementary provincial and federal programs to create an inter-jurisdictional not-for-profit affordable housing acquisition strategy in Canada.

Read the case study [here](#)

Federal Budget Resources and Information

The 2023 Federal Budget was released last week and responded in a minimal way to the ongoing push for an Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy, while including little else to address the immediate housing challenges being faced by low-income renters across the country.

Here are some resources and analysis on the budget to learn more:

[The Federal Budget Backgrounder on Housing](#)

EDUCATION AND EVENTS



Spring Brings Non-Profit Housing Providers across Canada to Winnipeg

The annual **Building Partnerships conference** is going to be held in partnership with the **Canadian Housing and Renewal Association's National Congress on Housing and Homelessness**, April 18-20 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg. It will be a great opportunity to learn about national trends and initiatives in community housing, to connect with colleagues across the country, and to show Manitoba's unique contributions to community housing. Have your say on key issues, learn about the latest developments in the sector, and get inspired for the future!

[To learn more about this year's Housing Congress click here](#)



HOMELESSNESS 101

This special workshop, led by social policy consultant Nick Falvo will explore the national homelessness landscape, the major factors that drive homelessness, emerging themes, and policy solutions.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST 9:00AM - 4:00PM
SILOAM MISSION, 300 PRINCESS STREET, WINNIPEG

Learn more at mnpha.com/education 

Homelessness 101: Just 2 Weeks Left to Register!

Internationally recognized social policy consultant Dr. Nick Falvo **will be leading a special session with MNPHA**. He is one of Canada's most prominent researcher in affordable housing and homelessness. He's informing us on how homelessness is addressed (and not addressed) nationally through programming and funding, the most current research on effective solutions, and the history of homelessness in Canada.

Join to explore the homelessness landscape, national initiatives and major factors that drive homelessness. You can read more about Nick here: <https://nickfalvo.ca/about/>.

April 21, 9:00am to 4:00pm at Siloam Mission, 300 Princess St, Winnipeg

Cost: \$75-\$100, coffee and lunch will be provided

*If cost is a barrier to attending this session, please reach out to us at membership@mnpha.com.



Register Now



HOUSING DAY

Manitoba's annual Housing Day is a members-only event that will share the successes and challenges of the affordable housing sector with elected officials.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - FRIDAY, MAY 12

Learn more at mnpha.com/education-and-events

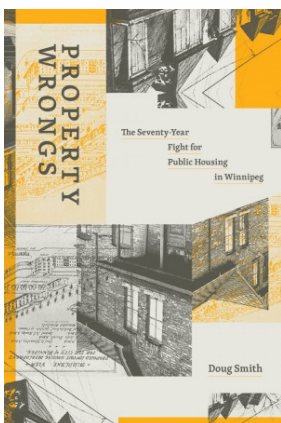


Manitoba Housing Day

Our province is currently facing high rates of homelessness, a lack of dignified housing for seniors, and housing affordability challenges impacting thousands of renter households. There are billions of dollars' worth of assets in affordable non-profit and public housing in Manitoba that will soon be mortgage-free and have increased flexibility to serve the next generation of Manitobans. Yet, these assets require rejuvenation including repairs and modernization.

Housing Day is a chance for MNPCHA members to share their experiences, stories, and solutions to Manitoba's housing challenges with elected leaders. This is a member only event and registration will be limited to 2 people per organization.

Register Now



Property Wrongs Book Launch

Fernwood Publishing, Manitoba Research Alliance, CCPA Manitoba and the Old Grace Housing Co-op are pleased to welcome you to the launch of *Property Wrongs: The Seventy Year Fight for Public Housing in Winnipeg* by Doug Smith. This event will include a brief reading from the author and a Q&A with the audience. Light refreshments will be available.

Thursday: April 13, 2023, 7:00 pm
Old Grace Housing Co-operative
200 Arlington Street

You can learn more about the book at <https://fernwoodpublishing.ca/book/property-wrongs>.

Organizing for Change

Come together to build capacity to collectively mobilize and advocate to make social housing a public policy priority. Understand the strategic role of storytelling in our collective movement for the right to housing. Learn to lead change through their personal narrative. Build a concrete action plan to advocate for social housing through

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



CALL FOR PROPOSALS – New Builds, Conversions, or Expansions - For Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing in Winnipeg

End Homelessness Winnipeg, in consultation with the Community Advisory Board and Service Canada, is accepting applications from organizations interested in obtaining financial assistance to achieve specific Reaching Home priority activities to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness.

The intent of this Call for Proposals is to increase the number of low barrier transitional and permanent supportive housing units, in Winnipeg, for people who are experiencing homelessness. Stable housing to provide supports to those who have experienced chronic and episodic homelessness. Capital investments are intended to increase the capacity or improve the quality of facilities that address the needs of individuals and families who are homeless. Deadline for applications: 4 PM on Monday, May 1st, 2023

For more information visit [End Homelessness Winnipeg](#)



Assiniboine Credit Union Community Grant

The development of healthy, vibrant and diverse communities doesn't just happen overnight; they're created over time by people, organizations and businesses continuously working together for the common good. And ACU is glad to contribute their skills and resources. ACU contributes to organizations that help build community and that fall under these three pillars:

- Community inclusion for marginalized people
- Environmental sustainability
- Community enterprise development (community-minded co-ops and social businesses).

Here are a sample of the types of projects supported:

- Equipment (upgraded computers, office furniture, secure storage facilities)
- Planning (strategic and feasibility plans, community consultations)
- Public awareness (website redesign, video production, information and display materials)
- Professional development (training, retreats, conferences and workshops)

Deadline for applications if May 15th. For more information visit [acu.ca](#)



Development Grant for Winnipeg Non-Profits

United Way Winnipeg can help your capacity-building efforts with their Organizational Development Grant. The maximum grant is \$5000 and can be a maximum of 75% of the total project budget.

Applications will be accepted until April 28, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

To learn more visit [United Way Winnipeg](#)

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