
HOUSING NEWS AND RESOURCES



MNPHA launches

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

webpage

Discover a whole new approach to affordability through energy efficiency

INCLUDES Funding Opportunities Resources, Education & Training Latest news

MNPHA Launches New Energy Efficiency Webpage

Introducing MNPHA's new [Energy Efficiency webpage](#), created to empower housing providers in developing more affordable and sustainable projects.

This dynamic platform offers an extensive suite of resources, training, and educational tools designed to elevate energy efficiency efforts. Explore [online courses, webinars, fact sheets, and step-by-step training materials](#) that make adopting energy-saving practices easier than ever. The webpage also highlights [funding opportunities](#), connecting housing providers with financial resources to implement meaningful upgrades.

Additionally, our [Resource Guide](#) showcases businesses specializing in energy-efficient solutions, providing trusted partners to support your projects. Together, these tools aim to cut energy consumption, lower utility bills, and advance the sector's sustainability goals.

Take the next step toward greener, more efficient housing - visit our [Energy Efficiency webpage](#) today!

Tenant Drop-in for Accessing Tax Documents

The third Thursday of each month (January 16, February 20, March 2) between 10:00am - 2:30pm
MNPHA Office, 102-90 Garry Street, Winnipeg

Canada Revenue Agency representatives are available to meet with tenants of non-profit housing providers at our office on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00am - 2:30pm.

They're providing assistance with accessing online MyCRA accounts and copies of Proof of Income statements, which are required for subsidized housing applications, Rent Assist applications, and copies of Child Caregiving Benefits (CCB) statements. The representatives are knowledgeable and can provide updates and information on the status of individual's CRA accounts.

Tenants must have or know their SIN number. Valid government issued ID to access this service (passport, drivers' license or health card are acceptable) is preferred, but support can be provided without it.

We recommend phoning before attending in case of cancellations - 204-222-2181

Let Manitoba know your priorities for our next budget

BUDGET 2025

As a part of the government's public engagement efforts for Budget 2025, the government is connecting with Manitobans through telephone town halls, in-person meetings and survey questions. Let Manitoba know your priorities for housing and homelessness in our province's next budget [Take the survey](#).

Information about in-person and telephone townhalls will be available soon. MNPFA will share our budget priorities and recommendations in the new year.

MNPFA will continue to share the need for government to:

1. Create a capital repair and modernization program to significantly reduce the existing capital deficit within non-profit housing to meet the needs of the next generation of Manitobans
2. Provide consistent, long-term funding for supports within community housing
3. Create an additional 10,000 units of community housing
4. Work with the non-profit sector as the preferred partner in delivering Manitoba's social and affordable housing through adequate operating funding, co-development of programs, and sector support

MNPFA Non-Profit Housing Survey

We need your help! To be able to conduct outreach, research, analysis, and make recommendations for program and funding opportunities for the sector, MNPFA is collecting data about non-profit housing across the province.

We have a survey for non-profit housing organizations about their buildings (size, age, bedrooms, rents, etc.), and energy information about those buildings.

If you have already sent very similar information to CMHC as part of the social housing survey, you are welcome to simply send us that information and we can enter it into our database.

We are aiming to have the survey complete by January 10, 2025. You will likely receive a call and email from us encouraging you to participate in the survey.

If you have any questions about this survey or data and how it will be used, please contact Christina at execdir@mnpha.com or 204-797-6746 ex.1

[Take the Survey Now](#)

EDUCATION & EVENTS

CMHC Program Overview Webinar

Wednesday, January 22, 11am - 12noon
Teams

There have been changes to the Affordable Housing Fund (formerly the Co-Investment Fund) detailed [here](#).

MNPFA is co-hosting a free webinar with CMHC covering the

details of some of CMHC's most popular and effective programs, including funding details, examples of successful projects and important key resources.

Explore financing options of the flagship programs, the [Affordable Housing Fund](#) and the [Apartment Construction Loan Program](#). They'll also discuss using Mortgage Loan Insurance -MLI Select to achieve your goals, followed by a Q & A session with a CMHC Subject Matter Expert.



[Register Here!](#)

Demystifying CMHC Programs with Fairview Consulting Corp Webinar

*Thursday, February 6, 10am-11am
Zoom*



Discover how to navigate CMHC programs in this session, with an in-depth overview of Affordable Housing Programs, Co-op Housing Development Program, Seed Funding Program, MLI Select product, and key provincial and municipal initiatives. This session provides a detailed explanation of these programs, highlighting their intricate differences and how they support both new construction and renovation projects. Learn how to access these opportunities, understand their

benefits, and simplify your path to housing success. Ideal for non-profit organizations, co-operatives, and private developers.

[Register Here!](#)

Media Training & Crisis Communication

*Wednesday, February 12, 9am - 12noon and 1pm - 4pm
The West End Commons, 641 St. Matthews Ave, Winnipeg*

Don't leave your story to chance. Learn how to respond proactively through any risk situation. Register for Media Training or Crisis Communication or learn more and save more by registering for both workshops.

Media Training – 9am – 12noon

This interactive workshop will prepare you for interactions with the media. Develop impactful key messages, get the headlines you want and the confidence to communicate effectively, on the spot.

During the Media Training workshop, you'll learn:

- Transition from off-topic questions to on-message responses.
- Manage adversarial and hostile questioning.
- Remain "on-message" without compromising authenticity.
- Spot and avoid reporters' tactics.
- Create the right "feedback loops" through effective body language.



Crisis Communication – 1pm – 4pm

Learn how to stay on message and divert negative publicity. This engaging and informative workshop has been tailored for MNPHA members. Manage high stress situations safely and effectively. Communicate confidently and turn even the most complex situations to your advantage. During the Crisis Communication workshop, you'll learn:

- Deliver accurate information without appearing misinformed.
- Negotiate an interview and maintain control while staying on message.
- Identify media traps and master skills to avoid them.
- Manage appropriate body language, tone, and delivery of messages.

Register Here!

Manitoba's Rent Supplement Program

Tuesday, February 18, 10:00am-11:00am - via Zoom

This session is **only** for people working at non-profit housing organizations that access Manitoba's Rent Supplement Program.

Manitoba Housing/Manitoba Department of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness Portfolio Management team will present briefly on how the program is administered, review frequently asked questions from organizations accessing the program, then open it up to questions from attendees.



Register Here!

Understanding Hoarding: For Landlords

Monday, February 24, 1:00pm-4:00pm

The West End Commons, 641 St. Matthews Ave, Winnipeg

In this session, Lindsay Bacala will examine the basics of hoarding disorder, placing particular emphasis on the primary risk factors that can trigger or worsen the condition. She will then outline foundational treatment approaches informed by attachment theory and cognitive-behavioral perspectives, demonstrating how these frameworks can guide intervention strategies.

She will also illustrate how a harm-reduction perspective can be effectively employed in the context of hoarding disorder, underscoring practical, incremental methods for symptom management.



Register Here!



SAVE THE DATE: HOUSING DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

A MNPHA Member's only event, Housing Day allows leaders in non-profit housing to share the successes and challenges of the sector with elected officials and raise issues that matter to Manitoba's affordable housing community. Last year's event sold out early - watch our newsletter for registration details.





Co-operative Housing in Manitoba: Past, Present, and Future

By Doug Smith

Published by the University of Winnipeg
Research Centre on Cooperative Enterprises

Report Launch

January 22, 2025

7:00 PM

Old Grace Housing Co-operative

200 Arlington Street

All welcome

In 1960 dedicated co-operators banded together to create the Co-operative Housing Association of Manitoba. They laid the ground work for co-operative housing across Canada. This is the first report cover the diverse and groundbreaking nature of co-op housing in Manitoba.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Housing Starts Here: Capital and Operating Funding to Expand Social Housing

Manitoba Housing has introduced Housing Starts Here, to expand housing supply and end chronic homelessness in Manitoba.

Manitoba Housing will prioritize funding projects that create:

- Social housing, with [rent-geared-to-income](#) set at 30% of tenants' household income ([see program income limits](#)), accompanied by support services
- Affordable housing, with rents and tenant incomes at or below the [Affordable Housing Rental Program](#) limits
- Market housing — see the [Rental Housing Construction Incentive](#)

Through the new streamlined intake, organizations with housing proposals can submit one application to apply for multiple programs any time while funding remains available, including:

- Proposal Development Funding
- Capital Funding Program
- Rental Housing Construction Incentive
- Support Services Funding for New Supply
- Operating Funding for New Supply

[Learn more](#)



Call for Letters of Interest for Supportive and Transitional Housing in Winnipeg

Funding of up to \$3,000,000 per project is available to support the creation or redevelopment of housing that addresses transitional and supportive needs for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Key Priorities:

- Projects for youth or chronically homeless individuals.
- Initiatives led by Indigenous organizations.
- Projects must ensure funds are fully expended by December 2025.



Subsidy Program Applications are Now Open!

Volunteer Manitoba is excited to launch their second round of the Professional Development Subsidy! The program is designed to eliminate financial barriers to organizations looking to access professional development.

Who is Eligible?

- Non-profits and charitable organizations
- Organizations operating in Manitoba with an annual budget under \$1,000,000

What Programs are Covered?

- Public Workshops on our Training Calendar
- Private Group Training for board governance, volunteer management, or capacity building (e.g., social media, budgeting, leadership) - email Kamillah to explore how we can put together private training for your team at training@volunteermanitoba.ca

Subsidy Amount & Coverage

The subsidy covers up to 75% of workshop fees. Once approved, applicants are responsible for paying the remaining balance 10 days before the workshop. One application per intake period per organization

Intake deadline is January 15, 2025 - [Learn more](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Financial Wellness Coach - MNPHA Rent Relief Fund

The Rent Relief Financial Wellness Coach will provide financial counselling and support to participants that require additional assistance to access benefits, file their taxes, and manage their budget as identified by a team of Housing Stability Coordinators. The successful candidate will work to address a variety of money management related challenges that affect Rent Relief Fund (RRF) participants. This includes but is not limited to debt management (including advising or referring to external agencies for consumer debt proposals/bankruptcies), day-to-day spending habits, and access to financial documents that are preventing the acquisition of benefits.

The Rent Relief Financial Wellness Coach will have excellent and assertive written and verbal communications with a wide range of audiences, be resourceful and detail-oriented, and able to work well both independently and within a small team. [Learn more](#)

Energy Efficiency Advocate - MNPHA

The Energy Efficiency Advocate will be working with non-profit housing organizations and Efficiency Manitoba (EM) to promote energy efficiency programs and awareness, and create and implement a non-profit housing energy efficiency plan.

The position will also help identify energy-saving opportunities in non-profit housing and encourage participation in Efficiency Manitoba's energy efficiency programs, ultimately leading to reduced energy consumption and lower energy bills.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Housing Development Coordinator – Ten Ten Sinclair Housing Inc

Ten Ten Sinclair Housing Inc. is a non-profit, consumer driven organization that provides housing and attendant services to support people with physical disabilities to live independently in the community.

Qualifications:

- A degree in social sciences, environmental design, or disability studies preferred. Equivalent training and work/life experience considered.
- Demonstrated Research Skills.
- Knowledge of and experience with issues affecting people with physical disabilities living in a community setting.
- Knowledge of accessible design including building codes. Ability to review building plans for accessibility considerations an asset.

[Learn more](#)

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