



Aboriginal Housing Management Association

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“The Building BC: Indigenous Fund is more than just a housing success but a step in the right direction for Indigenous Communities, the Canadian Government and reconciliation.”

British Columbia is home to one third of Canada’s Indigenous people and today in partnership with AHMA, British Columbia becomes the first province in Canada to invest provincial housing funds into on-reserve housing. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson and CEO of AHMA, Margaret Pfoh made a special announcement at Katzie First Nations Reserve with Indigenous leaders and respected elders also in attendance. The announcement included that the first set of homes through the Indigenous fund had been selected and approved. A total of 1143 homes in 26 communities for a total of \$231 million. This funding comes through the Building BC: Indigenous Fund the Government will invest \$550 million over the next 10 years to build and operate 1,750 new units of social housing both on-and off-reserve.

Margaret Pfoh, CEO of AHMA said “It is an honor for AHMA to have been a part of the process that encouraged the inclusion of all Indigenous Peoples no matter where they reside in urban, rural and norther regions. AHMA’s vision for the future was built on our members histories of grassroots evolution and self-determination.” The Building BC: Indigenous Fund is an integral step toward obtaining that vision and empowering all of our Indigenous communities.

AHMA acknowledges each application, each of AHMA’s members, each First Nations and each Indigenous organization that submitted an RFP. The creativity, innovation, ingenuity and resourcefulness that were presented to us, are testaments to the strength, dedication and spirit of Indigenous communities.

The Building BC: Indigenous fund represents more than just an Indigenous housing success. It honors truth and reconciliation. Reconciliation begins with ourselves, and with one another. Creating respectful and authentic relationships. These relationships include our partners who have helped make the Indigenous Fund possible. Since coming into office the NDP government, Premier John Horgan and Minister Selina Robinson have honored the calls to action towards reconciliation. “We have been able to create partnerships that are responding to the needs of our diverse Indigenous communities to address their housing crisis’s. There is still much to do, more funding that is required, steps to be taken and more meaningful Indigenous inclusion to be made, but today we celebrate how far we have come.” Margaret Pfoh, CEO of the Aboriginal Housing Management Association addresses the historic announcement of Building BC: Indigenous Fund and its meaningful connection to reconciliation.





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Quick Facts:

- The Province will provide approximately \$231 million to deliver these new homes for Indigenous peoples. This includes \$76 million for 367 units of on-reserve housing and \$155 million for 776 units of off-reserve housing.
- Projects were selected through a request for proposals, which was issued on June 18 and closed on Oct. 5, 2018.
- The Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund will provide \$550 million over the next 10 years to build 1,750 units of social housing for Indigenous peoples, on- and off-reserve, in British Columbia. It was launched in Budget 2018 as part of the Province's 30-point housing plan. The plan outlines the largest investment in affordable housing in B.C.'s history — more than \$7 billion over 10 years.

Community breakdown of first set of selected projects

Under the Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund, the Province is providing funding to build the following new projects for Indigenous individuals, families and Elders:

Interior: 7 projects / 148 homes

- **Off-reserve:**
 - Cranbrook: \$7.8 million to Aqanttanam Housing Society – 39 homes
 - Kanaka Bar: \$4 million to Kanaka Bar Indian Band – 20 homes
- **On-reserve:**
 - Kelowna: \$8.5 million to Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society – 42 homes
 - Merritt: \$4.8 million to Upper Nicola Indian Band – 24 homes
 - Westbank: \$3.4 million to Westbank First Nations for two projects – 17 homes
 - Windermere: \$1 million to Akisqnuq First Nation – six homes

North: 9 projects / 288 homes

- **Off-reserve:**
 - Prince George: \$10 million to Aboriginal Housing Society – 50 homes
 - Prince Rupert: \$12 million to Lax Kw'alaams WAAP Housing Society – 60 homes
 - Quesnel: \$5.4 million to Dakelh and Quesnel Community Housing Society – 27 homes
 - Terrace: \$9.6 million to M'akola Housing Society – 48 homes





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- **On-reserve:**
- Kitamaat Village: \$7.5 million to M'akola Housing Society – 23 homes
Lax Kw'alaams: \$4 million to Lax Kw'alaams WAAP Housing Society – 20 homes
Quesnel: \$2 million to Lhtako Dene Nation – 10 homes
Skidegate: \$4.8 million to Skidegate Band Council – 24 homes
Witset: \$5.2 million to Witset First Nation – 26 homes

Fraser: 5 projects / 244 homes

- **Off-reserve:**
- Hope: \$9 million to Mameleawt Qweesome Housing Society – 45 homes
Surrey: \$21.6 million to Kekinow Native Housing Society – 108 homes
Tsawwassen: \$7.2 million to Tsawwassen First Nation – 36 homes
- **On-reserve:**
- Coquitlam: \$3.2 million to Kwikwetlem First Nation – 16 homes
Pitt Meadows: \$7.8 million to Katzie First Nation Housing Society – 39 homes

Vancouver Coastal: 5 projects / 269 homes

- **Off-reserve:**
- Vancouver: \$22.6 million to Vancouver Aboriginal Land Trust – 113 homes
Vancouver: \$8.4 million to Aboriginal Mother Centre – 42 homes
- **On-reserve:**
- Bella Bella: \$1.2 million to Heiltsuk Tribal Council – six homes
Sechelt: \$6.8 million to Shishalah First Nation – 34 homes
Vancouver: \$14.8 million to Musqueam Indian Band – 74 homes

Vancouver Island: 4 projects / 194 homes

- **Off-reserve:**
- Colwood: \$24.8 million to Vancouver Aboriginal Land Trust – 124 homes
Langford: \$8 million to M'akola Housing Society – 40 homes
Port Hardy: \$4.8 million to Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'Xw Nations – 24 homes
- **On-reserve:**
- Fort Rupert: \$1.2 million to Kwakiutl First Nation – six homes
- **Total: 30 projects / 1,143 homes**





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More about the Aboriginal Housing Management Association

The Aboriginal Housing Management Association is the first of its kind not for profit Indigenous housing authority in Canada for all urban, rural and northern housing providers in British Columbia. AHMA is for Indigenous by Indigenous and represents over 5000 families, youth and seniors across the province. With 41 corporate members there is over 1000 years of accumulated housing expertise. AHMA is committed to ensuring all Indigenous People have access to safe, secure and affordable housing.

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