

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 2007, the Alberta government committed to helping high-growth, high-need municipalities ease growth pressures. With over 10,000 affordable housing units supported to date, the 11,000 unit target will be reached in 2011/2012 as planned.

In addition, a condition analysis of all 26,000 social housing units will be the basis for continued investment in the retrofit and regeneration of this valuable inventory,

15,000 Households and 25,000 Albertans will receive rent support through agreements either with landlords or directly with tenants in 2011/2012.

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

While vacancy rates have gone up and rents have slightly come down, most rental options are still out of reach for many low-income families.

Ensuring lower income Albertans can find and maintain housing is key to safer and more sustainable communities. Eligibility for Social and Affordable housing is based on the total household income, and applicants are prioritized on the basis of need.

This ensures Alberta government programs are sustainable and are accountable to taxpayers.

By the numbers

77,000

Number of lower-income Albertans assisted with their housing costs each month.

55

The multi-partner approach keeps the average grant per unit at about \$100,000; less than 55% of the total average capital cost.

14,250

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

\$40 million

In 2011/12 to repair or replace social housing units and help reduce operating costs.

2,450

Number of affordable housing units for Albertans with special needs incl. wheelchair accessible units.

\$100 million

2011/12 capital grants budget for development of affordable housing and housing for the homeless.