First Nations Housing

Overview of on-reserve housing programs and investments
Purpose

• To provide an overview of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) housing programs for First Nations

• To provide background on recent housing-related investments and initiatives
On-Reserve Housing - Federal Roles and Responsibilities

• Safe and affordable housing is essential for improving economic and social outcomes and supporting healthy, sustainable First Nation communities

• ISC provides funding to First Nations to support their community infrastructure needs, including housing

• Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation focuses on targeted programs for social housing, renovations and capacity building.

• Overall, federal funding is not intended to cover full cost
On-Reserve Housing Programs – Overview

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) housing programs / funding streams include:

- Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program (CFMP), On-Reserve Housing Component (Core Funding)
- Targeted Investments in First Nations Housing (Budget 2016 and 2018)
- Ministerial Loan Guarantees (MLG)

Additional housing-related funding include:

- Income Assistance Program – Shelter Allowance
- Family Violence Prevention Program
Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program

- Main pillar of the Government of Canada's effort to support community infrastructure for First Nations on reserve
- First Nation On-reserve Housing program under the CFMP
- First Nations that opted into the 1996 housing policy receive annual allocation

Targeted Investments in First Nations Housing

- Budget 2016: $416.6 million over two years
- Budget 2018: $600 million over three years
- Proposal-based, funds allocated towards the construction, renovations/additions, lot servicing and capacity development projects
Ministerial Loan Guarantees (MLG)

• Government backed loans/debts to assist First Nations in obtaining financial mortgages or loans for housing construction, acquisition, or renovations of on-reserve housing projects

• MLG can be issued to a First Nation on its own behalf or on the behalf of an individual from the community

• The maximum MLG Authority for the department is currently at $2.2 billion
# On-Reserve Housing Investments (2014 – 2019)

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## On-Reserve Housing Investments, Core and Targeted (by Region)

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Investment Results

As of September 30, 2019:

- 2,016 Projects (1,144 completed)
- 8,978 Total number of housing units and lots
- 5,075 Completed housing unit and lots

- 807 capacity development/innovation projects, including:
  - Housing Management Professionals Initiative – professional training, creation of a national association, and national platform to support networking/sharing information
  - Teslin Tlingit Council Housing Conversion Initiative (YK) – renovate 11 band-owned homes for sale/home ownership
  - Pikangikum Transitional Homes Pilot (ON) – partnership with Ontario Provincial Police, Habitat for Humanity, Ryerson, Canadian Pacific and ISC to construct transitional homes for youth and women offenders

Mistawasis First Nation (SK) - $1,172,000 to construct 3 - two-unit buildings
Environmental Public Health Program

• Environmental Public Health Officers are employed by First Nations and Inuit Health Branch or transferred to First Nations organizations within regions

• Work directly with communities to prevent or minimize health risks:
  • Healthy housing
  • Food safety
  • Drinking water safety
  • Sewage disposal and solid waste
  • Public facilities
  • Communicable disease control
  • Environmental contaminants
  • Emergency preparedness and response

• Inspections and assessments, advice and recommendations, education and awareness, training
Housing and Infrastructure Transformation

• The *Indigenous Services Act, 2019* mandates that ISC transfer services to Indigenous Institutions
• $15 million was provided to support Engagement and Proof of concept work over three years [ending 2020-2021]
• ISC and other government department programs may also be transferred and ISC could coordinate the transfer of these programs for Canada

Next Steps

• Continue to work collaboratively with partners to advance transfer initiatives at the regional levels
• ISC will develop a policy framework that will identify Government of Canada baseline requirements for transfer
Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative

- Launched in April 2019 to fund innovative Indigenous-led housing ideas
- $30 million is provided for new builds in First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities including urban projects
- $6 million is provided upfront through the Accelerator to refine ideas and make them implementation-ready
- Led by six-member Indigenous Selection Committee with support from Indigenous Services Canada and Privy Council’s Office Impact and Innovation Unit
- 342 applications received
- The Steering Committee selected 24 innovators of selected applications to participate in the Accelerator
- Selected applications represent all geographical regions and Indigenous distinctions (12 First Nations, one Inuit, three Métis, and eight multiple distinctions)

Key principles endorsed by the Indigenous Steering Committee:
- Indigenous led / solutions come from communities
- Collaboration over competition / new partnerships
Thank You