

ONPHA's Tracker for 2021 Provincial and Federal Budget Commitments

ONPHA's 2021 Provincial Budget Recommendations	Commitments in 2021 Provincial Budget	ONPHA's 2021 Federal Budget Recommendations	Commitments in 2021 Federal Budget
 Stabilize housing providers: Expand Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Expand Ontario Small Business Support Grant (OSBSG) to better serve non-profits Implement preferential utility rates for community housing 	 \$255M for SSRF directed for emergency shelter responses \$1.7B for OSBSG (automatic entitlement for previous recipients) No new utility rate announcements 	Provide immediate stabilization funding to community housing providers to address the current crisis and future waves of the pandemic	 \$400M for Community Services Recovery Fund for non-profits and charities No direct stabilization funding for community housing providers
Stabilize tenants: Expand Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) Implement rent relief/ arrears management	 Exceeded target of assisting 5,000 households (total number of households not identified) No residential rental relief/arrears management 	Expand emergency income assistance to include rent relief and/or arrears management for unemployed and lowearning tenants	 \$315.4M over 7 years for the Canada Housing Benefit (for low-income women and children fleeing violence) Extension of Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy until Sept. 25 (with rates decreasing as of July 4) Up to 12 additional weeks of Canada Recovery Benefit at

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Renew and grow community housing: Renew 260,000 units Build 99,000 affordable and supportive units Increase funding and access to capital and surplus land Reinvest housing-related tax revenues in affordable housing	 \$18.5M for Transitional Housing Support Program \$13M for people with developmental disabilities to access community housing No increased access to capital/surplus land No dedicated funding for renewal or growth \$409M increase in Land Transfer Tax revenue (not identified for re-investment in affordable housing) 	Increase funding through the National Housing Strategy to protect and increase the supply of community housing to preserve affordability and meet growing needs	\$500/week (with decreased rates to \$300/week after first 4 additional weeks) • 4 additional weeks of Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit at \$500/week • No residential rental relief/arrears management • \$1.5B for second round of Rapid Housing Initiative • \$600M over 7 years for Affordable Housing Innovation Fund • \$118.2M over 7 years for Federal Community Housing Initiative • \$1B advanced to National Housing Co-Investment Fund, including \$250M for transitional housing/shelters for women and children fleeing violence • \$300M over 2 years for Rental Housing Construction Financing Initiative



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			 \$700M over 4 years in non-resident vacant property tax-related revenues \$4.4B for deep home retrofits (some funding available for community housing providers)
 Support urban and rural Indigenous housing: Build 22,000 subsidized Indigenous-owned and operated units Support culturally-relevant programming Increase Indigenous control in the sector 	 \$4M for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations, including to address housing shortages \$6M for Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program No dedicated funding for urban and rural Indigenous housing 	Commit to an urban, rural, and northern Indigenous housing strategy in partnership with Indigenous peoples	 \$4.3B over 4 years for Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund (not identified for urban/rural communities) No specific commitment or designated investment in urban, rural, northern Indigenous housing strategy (despite ongoing, long-term advocacy)
		Invest in an integrated approach to supportive housing to meet diverse housing needs and help end chronic homelessness	 \$567M over 2 years for Reaching Home \$45M over 2 years to pilot veterans homelessness program No dedicated funding for supportive housing