

May 30, 2024

Dear Service Manager/Indigenous Program Administrator,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to inform you that the Federal and the Provincial Ministers responsible for housing released a joint statement on May 28, 2024 ([Joint-Statement](#)) that an agreement has been reached on a revised action plan from Ontario that will unlock \$357 million of federal funding under the National Housing Strategy (NHS).

Based on this, we will be proceeding to implement all the National Housing Strategy (NHS) programs (Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI), Ontario Priority Housing Initiative (OPHI) and Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)) for this fiscal year.

As such, the 2024-25 funding allocations for COCHI and OPHI for your area will be confirmed through a separate letter from Minister Paul Calandra shortly. Details on COHB allocations to enroll new participants in the program for 2024-25 will be provided to all Service Managers at a later date.

Through this communication, I would also like to highlight that Ontario will initiate the following new steps as per the revised NHS Action Plan submitted to the Federal government:

- Establish provincial supply targets with service managers and Indigenous program administrators.
- Direct funding toward new projects.
- Set annual goals; and
- Implement robust data collection and reporting mechanisms.

We will be sharing more details on these measures in the coming months and engaging with Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators as we continue to work together to implement these important affordable housing initiatives to assist vulnerable Ontarians across all communities.

Sincerely,



Angela Cooke,  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Supportive Housing Division.