

Community Housing Supply Grant Program

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who can I contact if I am having issues with my application?

Please email hpsupplygrant@york.ca with any questions about the application process or requirements.

2. Who is eligible to apply for the Community Housing Supply Grant Program?

The program is open to eligible non-profit and cooperative housing organizations with interest in rental housing development management and are ready-to-build new community housing units. Private, for-profit organizations are not eligible for funding and will not be considered.

Please refer to the Program Guidelines for more information on eligibility.

3. Are non-profit organizations outside of York Region eligible to apply?

The Community Housing Supply Grant Program provides funding to non-profit and cooperative organizations looking to construct and operate community housing in York Region. Proposed projects must be located in York Region to be eligible for funding.

4. Can funding be used for other types of rental housing?

The Community Housing Supply Grant Program focuses on providing capital funding to non-profit and cooperative organizations interested in community housing development and operation. One of the priorities of York Regional Council is to address subsidized housing demand and consideration will be given to applicants willing to enter into a rent supplement agreement with York Region. Units subsidized through rent supplement agreements will only be available to households on or eligible to be on York Region's subsidized housing wait list. Availability of rent supplement funding will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis and is contingent on available resources.

Proposed projects may also contain market units that do not need to target households on the subsidized housing wait list.

5. Are emergency and transitional housing projects or shared accommodations eligible for funding under the program?

The Community Housing Supply Grant Program is intended to assist non-profit and cooperative organizations who are interested in building community housing, meaning permanent or long-term rental housing with self-contained units where tenants or members can live independently. A

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self-contained unit includes a separate entrance, living area, kitchen, with complete cooking facilities, and bathroom. Units should only have one household per unit, and would be subject to the [Residential Tenancies Act, 2006](#).

6. Can funding be used for operational costs?

Funding under the Community Housing Supply Grant Program may only be used for capital funding. Pre-construction costs may also be eligible for funding; however, development incentives such as tax waivers or development charge offsets are not being offered under this program. Non-profit housing developments may be exempt from development charges should they meet the requirements under the [Development Charges Act, 1997](#). For more information on this exemption, please contact the Manager, Development Financing Administration at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 71696.

7. What are the next steps if my application is approved?

After the Review Committee has reviewed and approved your application, you will enter into a contribution agreement with York Region, which will outline the terms of funding. Security for funding will be registered on Title of the property for the duration of the contribution agreement.

8. What does “forgivable loan” mean?

Funding will be provided as a non-repayable, forgivable loan. Successful applicants will be required to sign a contribution agreement that will outline the conditions of funding and will be required to register Security on Title to the property, as required in the sole discretion of the Region, for the duration of the Contribution Agreement. A minimum of 10 units must be affordable (no more than 100% of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Average Market Rent) and must remain affordable for 20 years.

The Region may request the funding to be paid back in full should successful applicants not abide by the terms of the contribution agreement. After the affordability period ends, the funding is forgiven.

9. Will there be a debrief on the results of applications?

York Region will notify all applicants of the results, however, a debrief may not be available.

10. Is there a funding cap on applications?

There is no limit to the amount of funding that can be requested per project, however, the budget is limited to approximately \$14.5 million for 2025. Preference will be given to projects that maximize the number of affordable units provided relative to the overall funding request. Applicants are asked to submit and justify funding requests for their proposed projects. There is limited funding available and there is no guarantee that any project that meets the overall criteria will be funded, or that successful applicants will receive their full funding request.

11. Are there considerations for projects that cannot accommodate a minimum of 10 residential units?

Proposed projects must have a minimum of 10 residential units, and a minimum of 10 units must be affordable at no more than 100% average market rent (AMR) in the local municipality, as determined annually by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), for a minimum period of 20 years.

For additions or extensions to an existing community housing location, the Region may consider receipt of applications that propose a minimum of five community housing units if the following criteria are met:

- All proposed units within the project are affordable at no more than 100% AMR in the local municipality, as determined annually by CMHC, for a minimum period of 20 years.
- The application demonstrates that, to the Region's satisfaction:
 - The additional units maximize the use of the land; and
 - Site specific constraints prevent the construction of additional units onsite
- The application includes confirmation from the local municipality or an applicable professional that is acceptable to the Region, that confirms the site cannot accommodate additional units beyond what is proposed
- The local municipality provides a letter of support for the application