

Investment in Affordable Housing 2014-2019 Extension Agreement

Annual Report on Outcomes 2014-2015

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In 2014, the Governments of Canada and New Brunswick announced a combined investment of \$78 million under the Investment in Affordable Housing Extension Agreement. Over the first year, this joint initiative has helped build and repair 1,574 affordable housing units in New Brunswick for low-income individuals, families, seniors and persons with disabilities.

Under the terms of the agreement, New Brunswick Housing Corporation will publicly report, annually, on how funding has been spent and how progress has been achieved in meeting the objectives outlined within the agreement.

The following are outcomes from the first year (2014-15) of the program, which saw approximately \$15.3 million in funding committed throughout the province.

	2014-15
1. Number of households no longer in housing need as a result of the investment in Affordable Housing	1,574
2. Rental units created to increase the supply of affordable housing	40
3. Number of households in need undertaking urgent repairs to make their home safe for continued occupancy	731
4. Number of units brought to an acceptable standard of health, safety and security for occupants and accessibility for occupants with disabilities.	512
5. Number of existing substandard rental units rehabilitated to improve the unit to an acceptable standard of health and safety	100
6. Number of households in need who received modifications to improve the accessibility of their dwelling/unit for disabled occupants	115
7. Number of senior households in need who received minor adaptations to assist with daily living activities in the home.	33
8. Number of victims of family violence who were able to leave violent situations as a result of the investments under the agreement	14
9. Number of newly developed emergency and secondary stage / transitional housing units available to victims of family violence and households in need	29
10. The number of seniors or persons with disabilities who are able to remain living independently	152*
11. Number of secondary suites and garden suites created for adult persons with disabilities	0

<p>12. Increased opportunities as measured through a description of the increase in the number and nature of programs offered to improve access to Affordable Housing and address needs</p> <p>The Corporation works closely with community agencies (i.e. Association of Community Living) and other government departments (i.e. Department of Health) to provide affordable housing options with proper supports for individuals with special needs (e.g. physical/mental/intellectual disabilities, victims of family violence, homeless).</p>	0
<p>13. Additional dollars generated toward addressing housing need as a result of the investment in Affordable Housing.</p>	0
<p>14. Number of apprentices working on any IAH Projects.</p>	0**
<p>15. Description of activities / initiatives to promote or support apprenticeships in IAH Projects:</p> <p>Advertisements were printed on two occasions in all major daily newspapers throughout New Brunswick in June 2014 to promote the Affordable Rental Housing Program. These advertisements stated "Proponents are encouraged to engage contractors who are participants in the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Program of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour."</p>	

Notes:

*Item #10 (2014-15) above includes the number of households identified in numbers #6 and #7 as well as the number of new disabled accessible units (4 units) being constructed under item #2.

**currently in the process of reconciling final figures.