

# Community Housing Provider Supply Grant Pilot 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](mailto:hpsupplygrant@york.ca) with any questions you may have about the application process or requirements.

### 2. Who is eligible to apply for the Community Housing Supply Grant Pilot 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 can provide 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 Pilot Program focuses on providing capital funding to non-profit and cooperative organizations interested in community housing development and operation. Successful applicants may be required to enter into a rent supplement agreement with the Region. Units subsidized through rent supplement agreements will only be available to households on York Region's subsidized housing wait list.

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

### 5. Can funding be used for operational costs?

Funding under the Community Housing Supply Grant Pilot may only be used for capital funding.

### 6. 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 the Region, which will outline the terms of funding.

## **7. What does “conditional grant” mean?**

While funding is provided as a grant, successful applicants will be required to sign a contribution agreement that will outline the conditions of funding and will be required to follow these conditions throughout the term of the 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 proponents not abide by the terms of the agreement. After the 20-year period, the funding is forgiven.

## **8. Will there be a debrief on the results of applications?**

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

## **9. 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 \$5.5 million for year 1. 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.

## **10. Are there other capital funding opportunities available?**

The Region may use this call for applications to allocate available funding under other federal/provincial funding programs like the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative – New Build Component, or the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative – Rental Housing Component, provided applicants meet the eligibility criteria for those programs.