

# Appendix 1

## The National Housing Strategy

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The National Housing Strategy is the largest and most ambitious federal housing program in Canadian history. Over the next decade, more than 82 billion dollars will be invested to strengthen communities and help Canadians across the country access safe and affordable housing. The National Housing Strategy includes programs and initiatives that can assist in creating new housing, as well as renovating and modernizing existing homes. It provides resources for community housing providers and supports innovation and research programs.

- Secure funding for building affordable housing.
- Funding for renovating and repairing existing affordable and community housing.
- Funding for unique ideas and innovative construction techniques.
- Promoting excellence in housing research in Canada.

## Ontario and the National Housing Strategy

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-and-national-housing-strategy>

In 2018, the federal government and the government of Ontario signed a bilateral agreement under the National Housing Strategy (NHS), outlining the terms of their partnership.

Under the NHS, Ontario is implementing three initiatives for which it bears a portion of the costs:

- Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI)
- Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)
- Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)

Under the bilateral agreement regarding the NHS, Ontario is required to develop an action plan every three years. These action plans outline how Ontario will allocate the NHS contribution and equivalent contributions from the province and municipalities to achieve the targets and outcomes. These targets and outcomes are mutually agreed upon by the federal and provincial governments.

The municipalities in Ontario have undergone several changes following the implementation of the Ontario government's plan 'More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan,' which is a long-term strategy aimed at increasing housing supply and providing affordable housing options.



## Ontario: Accelerating the Construction of More Homes

In November 2022, the government of Ontario (the province) passed [Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act](#), as part of Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan. The bill aims to support the province's goal of adding 1.5 million new homes in Ontario by 2031. [It introduces significant amendments to several laws and regulations](#), including the Development Charges Act, the Planning Act, and the Municipal Act.

The 2022-2023 Housing Supply Action Plan includes the following objectives:

- Building more homes
- Helping homebuyers
- Reducing construction costs and fees
- Streamlining development approvals

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/more-homes-built-faster>

## Housing Affordability Task Force Report

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/housing-affordability-task-force-report>

